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# WHISKY TYPES

## Scotch Whisky

A Scotch whisky has to be produced by a Scottish distillery with local water, cereal (mainly malted barley) and yeast, and then matured in used oak casks for a period of no less than 3 years to a minimum alcoholic strength of 40% ABV. Scotch single malt whisky is distilled twice (with the exception of Auchentoshan in the Lowlands, which is triple distilled). The spirit is then matured in an oak cask that previously held bourbon or sherry, or a combination of both. There has been a move recently to “finish” whiskies in casks that had previously held sherry or other spirits, after maturing the whisky in ex-bourbon casks. Peat is used widely in Scotch whisky production, lending the spirit a smoky aroma and taste. There are presently around 90 working distilleries in Scotland.

## Irish Whiskey

Irish whiskey is distilled and matured in Ireland for no less than 3 years in a used oak cask. A wide range of cereals is used, which can include rye. The Irish prefer to triple distill their whiskey (to be sure, to be sure, to be sure!), which makes for a lighter, purer spirit, and no peat is used in the process, with the occasional exception.

## Bourbon

To be recognized as bourbon the whiskey must be matured at less than 80% ABV, and matured in the USA from a mash of no less than 51% corn, then aged for a minimum of 2 years. Nothing is allowed to be added to the spirit that would alter the colour or flavour.

## Tennessee Whiskey

As for bourbon, but produced in Tennessee, and filtered through a bed of Sugar Maple charcoal.

## Rye Whiskey

Rye whiskey is produced in North America, and must contain a minimum of 51% rye. A small amount is bottled and matured as rye whiskey, but most is blended into other whiskies to add character and structure.

## Grain Whisky

Grain whisky is distilled in a column, or patent still, as opposed to a copper pot still. This is a continuous operation, producing a light, sweet spirit.

## Single malt whisky

A single malt is the product of one distillery, and may only be produced from malted barley (the starches have been turned to sugar), pure water and yeast. The resulting fermented mash is then distilled in a copper pot still, in batches. This makes single malt whisky more expensive to produce than a grain whisky.

## Whisky Blends

A blended whisky is a combination of any number of malt and grain whiskies. They are chosen, then “married” to complement and enhance their flavours. Around 95% of Scotch whisky is sold as blends. An age statement on a whisky blend refers to the youngest whisky in the bottle.

## Blended or Vatted Malts

These are blends of single malt whiskies, with no grain whiskies added.

## WHISKY TOURS

Immerse yourself in a unique tasting experience. Each of our whisky combos features 6 specially selected single malts or blends, and in the interests of responsible drinking, a half-tot is measured for each drink.

### *For those new to whisky...*

**Six from Sixty** Six ½ tots R 90.00

Blended whiskies are made by blending single-malt and grain whiskies. Start with 3 of the most popular Scotch Whisky blends - Bell's, J & B Rare, Famous Grouse, and then sample 3 pure malt (no grain whisky) blends - Bell's Special Reserve, Famous Grouse Malt and Johnnie Walker Green Label.

**Irish Half Dozen** Seven ½ tots R 90.00

Sample 7 of Ireland's top-selling whiskies. Kilbeggan, Clontarf, Jameson's, Black Bush, Bushmills, Tullamore Dew and Connemara peated single malt.

**The Whiskey Barrel** Six ½ tots R 90.00

Some of America's top-selling Bourbons & whiskeys. Jim Beam Black Label, Wild Turkey Rare Breed, Jack Daniel's Single Barrel, Woodford Reserve, Knob Creek & Blanton's

**Atlantic Crossing** Six ½ tots R 95.00

A good mix of American, Irish and Scotch whiskies. Start with Wild Turkey, then onto Woodford Reserve - Kentucky's top-selling premium bourbon. To Ireland then for a Black Bush blended Irish whiskey, followed by a Bushmills 10 year old single malt. Then to the Speyside region of Scotland for a superb Singleton 12 year old, and on to Islay to finish with a superb smoky, peaty Laphroaig 10 Year Old.

**First Over** Five ½ tots & 1 full tot. R 95.00

For those whose palates are not accustomed to the stronger flavours - a selection of elegant, less peaty single malts, through to a mild peaty-fruity Bowmore, and finishing with a tot of Glayva - a sweet after-dinner whisky liqueur. Auchentoshan 10 y/o, Benriach 10 y/o, Glen Elgin 12 y/o, Glenmorangie 10 y/o, Bowmore 12 y/o and Glayva.

**Famous Family** Six ½ tots R 120.00

Six of the Famous Grouse blends, from the ever popular Famous Grouse blend, to the smoky Black Grouse, the Famous Grouse Malt, 12 years old, 18 years old, and the unbeatable super premium Famous Grouse 30.

**Lotto Draw** Six ½ tots R 120.00

Choose 6 random numbers, and make it fun! You may choose any of 300 whiskies, from blended whiskies, Irish, American, to Scotch single malts.

**Keep Walking** Six ½ tots R 160.00

A walk through the Johnnie Walker stable. Start with Red Label, then on to the smokier 12 y/o Black Label, the 15 y/o Pure Malt Green Label, the 18 y/o Gold Label, Johnnie Walker Swing, and finish with the delectably smooth Johnnie Walker Blue Label.

### *For those a little more au fait...*

**Six Nations** Six ½ tots R 115.00

Six whiskies, from six countries. Start with South Africa's very own Three Ships, then a Japanese blended malt (Nikka Super), an American bourbon (Blanton's), a Welsh single malt (Penderyn), an Australian single malt (Hellyer's Road), and finish with an Indian single malt (Amrut).

**Speyside Ramble** Six ½ tots R 95.00

The Speyside region boasts an extraordinary concentration of distilleries. It is named after the river Spey, which waters the area, together with the other important river, the Livet. Aberlour 10 y/o, The Balvenie Double wood, Glenfiddich 12 y/o, Glenlivet 12 y/o, The Macallan 12 y/o and Strathisla 12 y/o.

**A Walk through the Glen** Six ½ tots R 120.00

Six of the Glens! Enjoy Glen Grant - a light Speyside malt, followed by Glen Kinchie 12 y/o, one of the few Lowland malts, Glen Ord 12 y/o, a malty Highlands whisky, Glenmorangie Original (Northern Highlands), Glenfiddich Solera Reserve (Speyside) and the huge Glenlivet 18 y/o (Speyside).

**The Malt Cask** Six ½ tots R 120.00

A selection of medium-bodied, slightly sweeter single-malts, with little or no peatiness. Start with Glengoyne 10 y/o, moving on to The Macallan 12 y/o, Aberlour 10 y/o, The Dalmore 12 y/o, The Glenlivet 12 y/o, and Glenfarclas 12 y/o.

- The Six Isles** Six ½ tots + 1 Full tot R 120.00  
Based on the Six Isles blend, which comprises each of these single malts. Sample each one of these Island Malts, and finish with a full tot of The Six Isles blend. Start with The Arran Malt, then on to Highland Park 12 y/o, Springbank 10 y/o, Isle of Jura 10 y/o, Talisker 10 y/o, Bowmore 12 y/o and finish with the Six Isles blend.
- Nikka Roku** Six ½ tots R 120.00  
Six blends & blended malts from the Japanese Nikka stable: Nikka Super Rare, Kingsland, From the Barrel, Black, Red and White.
- Really Great Brands** Six ½ tots R 120.00  
Five Scotch single malts and 1 superb blended malt. Start with Glenmorangie Original - Scotland's favourite single malt - followed by The Famous Grouse Malt. The next 3 single malts, The Glenturret 10, The Macallan 12, and Highland Park 12, all contribute to the Famous Grouse blends. Finish with a peaty, smoky Ardbeg 10.
- The Glenmorangie** Six ½ tots R 180.00  
Six offerings from one of the world's most popular single-malts. Start with the Glenmorangie Original, followed by Astar, then Lasanta, Quinta Rubin, Nectar d'Or and finish with the 18 Year Old.
- The Classic Single Malts** Six ½ tots R 150.00  
The Six Classic Malts of Scotland are carefully selected to best represent each of the malt whisky producing regions of Scotland, embracing the full diversity of regional tastes and styles. Oban 14 y/o, Glenkinchie 10 y/o, Cragganmore 12 y/o, Talisker 10 y/o, Dalwhinnie 15 y/o and Lagavulin 16 y/o.
- For the connoisseur...*
- A tour of Islay** Six ½ tots R 140.00  
The isle of Islay, near the Mull of Kintyre, produces some of Scotland's most distinctive malts - mostly very peaty. Featured here are 5 of the peatiest single malts, along with Bunnahabhain - elegant and gentle. Bunnahabhain 12 y/o, Bowmore 12 y/o, Caol Ila 12 y/o, Laphroig 10 y/o, Lagavulin 16 y/o, and Ardbeg 10 y/o.
- The Big Guns** Six ½ tots R 140.00  
Some of the peatiest single malts, big on aroma and flavour - not for the weak palate! Bowmore 12 y/o, Talisker 10 y/o, Caol Ila 18 y/o, Ardbeg 10 y/o, Lagavulin 16 y/o and Laphroig 10 y/o.
- Connoisseur's Choice** Six ½ tots R 160.00  
Six carefully selected Scotch single malts. These are very highly rated, yet fairly readily available, and range from aromatic, through full-bodied, to very peaty. Start with Auchentoshan 3 Wood, then Glenfarclas 105 Cask Strength, Tomintoul 27 y/o, Glenfiddich 15 y/o Solera Reserve, The Glenlivet 18 y/o, and finish with the heavily peated, very highly rated Lagavulin 16 y/o.
- Eighteen** Six ½ tots R 185.00  
Half a dozen superior 18 year olds! From a superb lowland 18 year old, to the world's best single malt. Auchentoshan, Glenfiddich, Glenlivet, Glenmorangie, Bunnahabhain and Bowmore.
- Peat smoke & Spirit** Six ½ tots R 335.00  
Some exquisite, less readily available findings from the peaty isle of Islay. Start with the unpeated Bunnahabhain 18 y/o. Increase the peat dosage with a Bowmore 17 y/o, then on to a rare Port Ellen 25 Year Old, then Laphroig 15 Year Old, Ardbeg Uigeadail, and finish with a Port Charlotte PC8.
- The Macallan** Six ½ tots R 295.00  
Sample 6 of The Macallan's finest offerings - The Macallan 10 Year Old Fine Oak, 15 Year Old Fine Oak, 12 Year Sherry Cask, 10 Year Old Cask Strength, 18 Year Old, and the exquisite 30 Year Old Fine Oak.
- Walking Tall** Three ½ tots R 280.00  
Three of the best offerings from Johnnie Walker - the classic Blue Label, the exquisite Premier (bottled only for the far east, and the rare and valuable King George V.

*The number Six relates to tact, beauty and harmony. It is a relationship builder which corresponds to one-to-one encounters. It deals with that which we are attracted to and those things we find great pleasure in. Six possesses charm, grace and the ability to make small talk on any stratum, and is therefore much of a diplomat. Six is very nurturing, and is considered the mother/father number.*

\*All subject to availability. Where an item is out of stock, another item of the same price may be substituted. As we are not VAT registered VAT is not applicable.

# SCOTCH SINGLE MALT WHISKY

## Speyside

Today over half of Scotland's whisky distilleries are located in the Speyside region, featuring among the loveliest scenery in Scotland. The river Spey, which gives its name to the region, is the fastest flowing river in Britain, and famous for its salmon fishing. Surprisingly, very few distilleries draw their water from the river itself, but most from adjacent springs and rivulets. Speyside whiskies are essentially sweet and fruity, with a little peaty character. They can be highly perfumed, and take maturation in sherry wood very well.



### **Aberlour 10 Year Old R 30.00**

The distillery was founded in 1879 by James Fleming, who shrewdly built it on the site of St Drostan's Well, thus securing forever this priceless source of pure spring water. This is a definitive example of a Speyside Single Malt. It is matured in a combination of sherry and bourbon oak casks for a minimum of 10 years. The dry, fresh, fruity aromas of early autumn apples and pears are subtly enhanced with sweet notes of vanilla and mint toffee. Exceptionally smooth and creamy taste, with spicy-sweet nutmeg and honey combining with the dewy freshness of autumn fruits, and a long, soft and warming finish.

### **Aberlour 15 Year Old R 45.00**

Matured for a minimum of 15 years in a combination of sherry and bourbon oak casks then finished in new oloroso sherry casks. Roses, candyfloss, slightly buttery on the nose. Sherry, malty, spicy, house character. Spicy flavours emerge slowly: nutmeg, aniseed and emphatic orange-flower. Liquorice toffee and minty finish.

### **Aberlour A'bunadh R 80.00**

Rich, powerful after-dinner malt. Bottled at cask strength (59.3% ABV) this is a vatting of sherry casks, mostly Oloroso. A luxurious nose - mint, sherry, pralines, and a delicious palate, rich & creamy with hints of mint & cherries. The finish is faintly smoky, with hints of cherry brandy, nougat & ginger. A superb & complex malt.

### **Glenglassgowrie 12 Year Old R 28.00**

Distilled at the Knockdhu distillery, this single malt features in many blends. Very aromatic, smooth, fruity nose. Palate - Smooth, creamy, vanilla notes, light bodied but very smooth. A long, warm, creamy finish, with a hint of sweet herbs. Very drinkable and enjoyable.

### **Glenglassgowrie 16 Year Old R 55.00**

The nose is soft and attractive with fresh citrus fruit and vanilla toffee. Quite full-bodied, yet soft and elegant on the palate, with spices and chewy toffee. Water releases a suggestion of orange wine gums. The finish is medium in length, with vanilla, gentle oak and a hint of mint.

### **Ardmore Traditional Cask R 45.00**

Non-chillfiltered, 46% abv, double cask matured, initially in ex-bourbon barrels and then in Quarter Casks (which are smaller, allowing greater contact with the oak during maturation). Full, smooth. Peat smoke and earthy richness, tempered by subtle sweetness.

### **Auchroisk 1992 Murray McDavid R 35.00**


Beautifully aromatic, floral mountain fresh greenery aromas mingle with mellow Kentucky oak. Strawberry jam/cranberry red fruits from the Cote Rotie casks give an infusion of aromas not normally found in single malts. The fruity crispness continues, it's a virile manly spirit despite the wine trying to seduce it. All the notes found by the olfactory senses transfer with ease onto the palate.

### **The Balvenie Doublewood 12 year Old R 36.00**

The Balvenie was the second distillery built by William Grant (after Glenfiddich), in 1887. Nearly all the operations in the distillation process take place in the distillery, from malting to repairing the casks, and The Balvenie even has its own cooperage. The Doublewood is matured in 2 woods - a traditional oak whisky cask, then a Spanish oak sherry cask - gives this its distinctive character. A smooth and mellow of beautifully combined flavours - nutty sweetness, cinnamon spices, and a delicate hint of sherry.

### **The Balvenie Founders Reserve R 30.00**

Balvenie's 10 Year Old expression is an excellent after-dinner malt. A nose of dazzling complexity; light yet softly smoked, with both youthful grassy notes and heavier, richer ones. Rich, faintly honeyed malt tones on the palate, underpinned by smokiness. Faintly fruity, complex. A dry malt finish and gentle peat take equal and alternate stage, and some lovely cocoa notes.

- The Balvenie**      Portwood 1993      R 35.00  
 Matured in ex-bourbon casks, then finished for a few months in a port pipe. The nose is perfumed with fruity and ripe raisin notes, plus hints of vanilla & oak with a nutty dryness. In the mouth it is creamy (almost silky) with rich flavours of dried fruits, honey and spice. The finish is long, gentle and nutty.
- Benriach**      10 Year Old      R 35.00  
 The distillery was founded by John Duff in 1898. Benriach is a major constituent of famous blends such as 100 Pipers. The distillery is one of few that does its own floor malting, and was founded by John Duff & Co in 1897. Medium bodied, fruity, with a soft sweetness, followed by a light fruity, delicately dry finish.
- Benriach**      10 Year Old      Curiositas      R 35.00  
 Nose: Peat. Smoky and turfy moving into coal tar/bitumen with real baked fruit sweetness behind. Opens up into dried heather and turf. Immense smoke on the palate, then sweet rich mouthfeel with nuttiness and a slight medicinal edge. Finish: Cereal and smoke. Long. Bitumen. Embers. A shock to find something this phenolic in this part of the world – but a great dram.
- Benriach**      12 Year Old      Importanticus Fumosus      R 35.00  
 'Importanticus Fumosus' is a limited release heavily peated Benriach, originally matured in American oak and then finished in a tawny port cask. Peat, seaweed, vanilla and herbs on the nose, complementing the rich Tawny Port presence. Wonderful sweet peat, bog myrtle and seaweed, with hints of vanilla, citrus and wild flowers, with a rich infusion of Port.
- Benriach**      1988      Limited Edition      R 45.00  
 A limited edition bottling. Nose: Clean fresh and malty. Eucalyptus and garden herbs. Sugared almonds. Palate: Malty and very clean. Scones with clotted cream. Raisins and vanilla beans. Rich and buttery.
- Benromach**      Traditional      R 30.00  
 A nose of cloves and vanilla, and a smooth palate with malted milks and custard creams, tinned fruits and a citric finish. Great value malt whisky matured in 80% bourbon and 20% sherry casks.
- Benromach**      Organic      R 45.00  
 The first single malt whisky to be fully certified by the Soil Association. Whether or not you think there is a benefit to a malt being organic, this is a lovely, characterful whisky, and it is the first really successful single malt whisky to be matured in virgin oak. Unchillfiltered and uncoloured limited release.
- Benromach**      Peat Smoke      R 45.00  
 An excellent example of a non-Islay peated whisky, produced with 35ppm malt and matured in 1st fill bourbon casks. Nose: Sweet, burnt sugar aromas with wood smoke and a gentle phenolic / medicinal note. Hints of Granny Smith apples. Palate: Peat smoke and ash followed by sweet, toasted malt. Hints of spice and charred oak are followed by subtle phenolic flavours.
- Benromach**      25 Year Old      R 70.00  
 Bottled from American refill casks. Nose: Citrus fruits - oranges and lemons with a soft fruit element also present. Delicate floral aromas and a spicy earthy note. Palate: Sweet and spicy with cedar wood developing late. Subtle citrus fruitiness developing late.
- Cardhu**      12 Year Old       R 60.00  
 Strongly perfumed. This is a highly aromatic malt, often described as being one of the more 'feminine' single malts available. Spirity nose with sweet apple blossom and heathery aromas, well-balanced palate with good viscosity. Warming with a dryish finish.
- Cragganmore**      12 Year Old      R 45.00  
 The distillery was set up by John Smith on land rented from the clan master, Sir George MacPherson-Grant. He set up a still and used the finest barley from the farm, and the high-quality water from Cragganmore. The whisky is known as "the most complex aroma of any malt - astonishingly fresh & delicate". Sweet floral tones, with a hint of fresh grass, and tasting fruity, with cherry and orange flavours and port-wine & malt undertones. Dry & slightly smoky finish.
- Glen Elgin**      12 Year Old      R 36.00  
 The Glen Elgin distillery was founded at the end of the whisky-boom in 1898, and has endured many difficulties since the collapse of the industry 2 months later. Today the major part of the whisky is used in the White Horse blend. The nose detects slight smoke hints on a malted background. The slightly acid malt dominates the impression in the palate, with some smoky hints. A classical Speyside with some citrus fruit touches. A rather long finish a nice but dry taste completes the whole.
- Glen Grant**      R 16.00  
 Nose: Fragrant. Heathery. Palate: Very lightly malty. Creamy. Nutty. Interplay of sweetness and dryness. Finish: A hint of fruity acidity.



**Glenfiddich** 15 Year Old Solera Reserve  R 42.00

The Glenfiddich Solera system is unique amongst whisky distillers. A large hand-crafted cask, the Glenfiddich Solera vat, contains Glenfiddich 15 year old single malt Scotch whisky from sherry casks, traditional oak casks, and new oak casks. It is always kept half full to ensure a consistent, finely balanced whisky. The whisky is settled in smaller Solera tuns just prior to bottling. A full and fragrant nose with hints of honey and vanilla. A wonderfully smooth taste combining fruit, gentle spice and a touch of oakiness.

**Glenfiddich** 15 Year Old Distillery Edition 51% R 45.00

A limited release from Glenfiddich, bottled at 51%. Black pepper, vanilla and woodspice on the nose. The pepper carries through to the palate, creamy with with fruit and velvety finish. Opens up well with a splash of water.

**Glenfiddich** 18 Year Old Ancient Reserve R 60.00

Glenfiddich has created a complex, mellow single malt Scotch whisky from years of patient maturation in casks of the finest Oloroso sherry and American bourbon. Whisky Magazine tasting notes: Nose: Blood oranges, apples, gentle smoke and oaky saltiness. Delicate and enormously sexy. Palate: Mouth: sherry, sultanas, honeyed maltiness, spice. Finish: Medium length but extremely clean, chewy and well-balanced. Overall: A wonderfully elegant whisky.

**Glenfiddich** 21 Year Old Gran Reserva R 75.00

Nose: Mature. Malty with dark chocolate-covered strawberries, some prune. With water becomes musky with hints of cedar and a gentle relaxed sweetness held in check by quite firm oak. Palate: Softer than the nose suggests and significantly sweeter. Layers of fruits, cocoa, syrup, demerara sugar, coffee. Finish: Cigar-like then softens and sweetens.

**Glenfiddich** Caoran Reserve 12 Year Old R 65.00

Caoran pronounced "ku-ran" is derived from the Gaelic for peat ember. This is 12 year old Glenfiddich finished in casks which previously held Islay whisky. Aromatic nose - Damp cellars, earthy and rooty. Dundee cake. A touch of orange peel and pot pourri. A distant smoky note. Palate: Sweet but vivid, refreshing. Barley sugar. A lingering, warm finish. Leafy, becomes bitter with water added.

**Glenlivet** 12 Year Old R 28.00

The original distillery was founded in 1824 by George Smith. In the early 70's, Glenlivet and Glen Grant acquired the Longmorn distillery to become "The Glenlivet Distillers" taken over in 1977 by the Seagram group, and is now owned by Chivas Brothers of Pernod-Ricard. Besides marketing as a single malt, the whisky is used in premium blends like Chivas Regal and Royal Salute. The 12 year-old's colour is pale gold, and the fresh and floral nose is marked by citrus fruit. The palate, dry, light and mellow reveals some flower, fruit (citrus, peach) and vanilla hints. Dry and clean finish.

**Glenlivet** 15 Year Old French Oak R 40.00

Matured in traditional oak casks, then finished in French limousin oak casks. The aroma is intense and sweet with hints of citrus fruit and cedar wood. Beautifully structured with a well-balanced interplay of fruits and spices. A full palate contrasts notes of ripe mango with cinnamon and white pepper. Perfectly balanced, fruity aroma with delicate floral fragrance and vanilla/honey sweetness.

**Glenlivet** Nadurra 16 Year Old  R 48.00

Available only to the international traveller. Nose: Floral (bluebell) some malty notes, lemon/tangerine marmalade, lychee. Oakier than the 12 year old. Palate: Slightly fizzy (orange spacedust) cinnamon balls, oddfellows. Some sweet nuttiness towards the finish. Good flow and softly textured. Finish: Oak, then candy floss. Firm, but with enough sweet notes to balance.

**Glenlivet** 18 Year Old R 55.00

Beyond the soft, light, creamy elegance of the 12 year old, the 18 year old is a gratifying wrestle for the senses. Tasting notes: Rich fig, raisin, almond and walnut notes mingle with forest-floor notes and a whiff of camp fires gone grey and cold. A great after-dinner dram.

**Glenlivet** 21 Year Old R 75.00






The 21 year old Glenlivet has all the character of the 12 year old, but intensified. The typical Glenlivet floweriness comes through the huge hit of sherry and spice. Whisky Magazine tasting notes: Nose: Lively. Fruity. Peaty. Palate: Light, clean, cereal grain maltiness, very firm and smooth. Developing toastier, nuttier flavours, orange oil. Some macaroon-like sweetness, too. Finish: Sweet grass. Smoky fragrance. Overall: A first-class malt.

**Glenrothes** Select Reserve R 35.00

The first spirit flowed from the stills of Glenrothes, in the heart of Speyside, in 1879, and the distillery has been producing exceptional malts ever since. Glenrothes is the base malt in Cutty Sark. The Select Reserve typifies the distillery house character - ripe fruits, citrus, vanilla and hints of spice - selected and vatted from casks from different years. American oak, vanilla & coconut on the nose, with a medium-sweet, malty flavour, with hints of lemon zest.

**Lochnagar** 15 Year Old OMC R 70.00

Colour: pale gold. Nose: Grainy and malty, with some caramel and vanilla. Palate: Similar, getting a little smoky. Burnt caramel. A long finish.

- Knockando** 12 Year Old R 75.00  
 The base malt in the J&B blend. Nose: Light and nutty/malty with some green pear, straw, dry spices. Estery and crisp. Palate: Equally light and nutty with a touch of milk chocolate in the mid-palate. Soft, easy and ultra-clean. Crisp, short and dry finish. A simple, attractive and easy-drinking malt. 
- Longmorn** 15 Year Old R 55.00  
 The distillery was built by John Duff in 1894, between & Rothes. Along with its sister distillery Benriach, Longmorn merged with the Glenlivet & Glen Grant distilleries to form The Glenlivet Distillers - currently owned by Chivas Brothers. The Longmorn 15 year old is a sweet, nutty malt with a caramel nose. With just a touch of wood & smoke, this whisky is big and assertively peaty on the palate.
- Royal Lochnagar** 12 Year Old R 45.00  
 A fairly big malt with a light smokiness, from Queen Victoria's favourite distillery. Nose: Complex, lots going on in the glass, with sherry, stewed fruit, malty vanilla notes and a trace of smoke. Becomes woodier with water. Palate: Salty and slightly sour, mouth-coating and with a medium to long finish. A great easy-drinking dram which is still complex.
- The Macallan** Fine Oak 10 Year Old R 45.00  
 Macallan's Fine Oak range sees Macallan untypically using  Bourbon casks, and in using less sherry more of the Macallan spirit is revealed. The nose has complex hints of fruit and honey moving onto a palate that is soft, with a subtle maltiness balanced with oak spice and fresh fruitiness. A great aperitif that is better neat.
- The Macallan** Fine Oak 15 Year Old R 55.00  
 Nose: Orange peel and ripe melon, mango, vanilla pod. hot sawdust, coconut/hazelnut, wax polish. Palate: Honey, nutty oak, cooked orchard fruits (creme de , black banana). Caramel toffee, oak, bracken, malt, dark chocolate. Superb balance. Finish: Very complex fruits with a spicy tingle. Takes time to open but worth the wait. The complete package.
- The Macallan** Fine Oak 30 Year Old R 280.00  
 A 'chewy', spicy nose with some cocoa, orchard fruits and  of flowers (lily), crème brûlée and dried leaves. Palate: A sweet start, then caramel, but the tannins and grippy oak. The driest of the range. Some peat, earth. Finish: Softens for a second and gets a spark of juicy youth pop out. Great nose, firm palate. Wood dominating a little.
- The Macallan** 12 Year Old R 40.00  
 The Macallan Distillery was established in 1824 on the banks of the River Spey, and ever since the ethos has been to produce the highest quality Scotch Whisky - no matter the cost. The original processes are still used today, including the use of Spanish sherry casks to mature the whisky - a tradition long forsaken by most distilleries. The Macallan is the number 3 single-malt Scotch in the world. The nose is one of vanilla with hints of ginger, dried fruit, sherry sweetness and woodsmoke, while the taste is described as "deliciously smooth, with rich dried fruits and sherry, with woodsmoke and spice".
- The Macallan** Cask Strength 10 Year Old R 50.00  
 The Macallan's superb cask-strength offering, bottled at 58.8% abv. Nose: Earthy, nutty, sherry. Palate: Rich, big. Orange toffee. Lively. Finish: Long, peppery, spicy. All spice. With its distinctly reddish chestnut colour, this is clearly well sherried. An uncomplicated, robust Macallan. Simply delicious. 
- The Macallan** Elegancia 12 Year Old R 40.00  
 A lighter style of Macallan. Light, spicy and quite citric on the nose. Malt, orange peel, almond, caramelised peach and baked apple. A softer palate, light with an attractive juiciness from those fruits. Shortish finish. Delicate and well balanced.
- The Macallan** 18 Year Old R 95.00  
 Nose: Deeply attractive, honeyed with prickling wood spice and brandy butter. Palate: Rich and lingering, yielding warm raisiny, sherried and oaky notes. Finish: Long, oaky-peppery, distinguished. Smoky at the last.
- The Macallan** 1851 Inspiration R 75.00  
 A look into how whisky tasted 150 years ago. This 1851 replica is a limited edition Macallan, bottled in a hand-crafted bottle. Wonderful mix of fruits, floral and sweet malted barley on the nose, balanced with light ginger spices, nutty and vanilla toffee. Smooth palate, malty sweetness with mixed spices of ginger and cloves, and a luxurious, sweet and malty, medium long finish.
- Miltonduff** 12 Year Old R 75.00  
 Miltonduff distillery was founded in 1824 by Andrew Peary & Donald Bain, drawing its water from the Black Burn, which flows through the peat of Black Hill. It was rebuilt in 1975 by Hiram Walker. The whisky is matured in American bourbon oak casks, and the nose is sweet, with a hint of honey & a whiff of smoke. A very sweet taste, with floral notes, some fruit & honey.

## Monkey Shoulder



R 65.00

A new blended malt which is made up of Kininvie, Balvenie and Glenfiddich. Nose: Elegant, refined. Orange crème brûlée. Chocolate slowly shines through. Bees wax. Palate: Silky, very sensuously coating the mouth. Slightly clinging to the palate. Candied orange. Marmalade. Cloves and cinnamon. Very rich. Finish: Drier, Seville oranges, a touch of liquorice. An elegant dram, dominated by orange and spices. Water is not needed.

## Mortlach 1993

11 Year Old

R 35.00

Mortlach is the oldest distillery in the Dufftown area, and is now part of the Diageo stable. This malt is a 1993 by Murray-McDavid, bottled in 2004 at Bruichladdich. Youthful with the bourbon oak initially apparent, then comes a wave of rich, slightly winy, spicy fruit – oily orange and citrus. Medium bodied, dry and spicy with a delicate hint of wine and dried fruit, cloves and cinnamon. Good tangy finish.

## Mortlach

27 Year Old

R 70.00

This malt is a 1975 Signatory (independent bottling) un-chillfiltered. An interesting herbal & floral nose, with a hint of smoke. A well-balanced palate - spicy yet sweet, medium-bodied, nutty & smooth.

## Pittyvaich

15 Year Old OMC

R 45.00

Built in 1975 by Bells, the distillery was dismantled in 1993. The malt was used exclusively for UDV blends, and only a few bottlings of the single malt were ever produced, thus making it a collectors' malt. Distillery character: Honey, Apples, Olives, Oranges Peat Nutmeg Rum.

## The Singleton

12 Year Old

R 28.00

A smooth, medium-bodied malt from Dufftown, this well balanced offering is approachable and rich. Toasted hazelnut & rich fruits (baked apples & dates) on the nose, with hints of citrus fruits & pear drops. Sweetness & crunchy nuts on the palate, then a smooth, fruity sweetness. Hints of brown sugar, espresso coffee & blackcurrant lead to a medium to long finish - elegantly dry & crisp.

## Speyburn

10 Year Old

R 20.00

Founded by John Hopkins in 1897, the distillery is currently owned by Inver House Distillers. Soft and malty nose, heather, honey, orange and that nutty spicy note. A light, dry, malty start then a really spicy mid-palate. Medium-bodied with a lovely balance struck between spice, dry nut and sweetness, with a spicy, slightly dry finish.

## Speyside

10 Year Old

R 20.00

Speyside is a relatively new distillery, completed in 1990, situated close to the source of the River Spey. The 10 year old shows a pronounced oily nuttiness on the nose, then sweet, buttery, & rich on the palate. Some cream toffee, cookies and caramel. Faintly kirsch-like fruitiness on the finish.

## Speyside

12 Year Old

R 25.00

The 12 year old offering gives up coffee and caramel aromas, on the palate it is a typical Speyside (as in the region) malt, fruity, spicy, and somewhat dry.

## Strathisla

12 Year Old

R 42.00

The Strathisla distillery was founded under the name of Milltown Distillery in 1786, and is now owned by Pernod-Ricard. It is one of the most picturesque distilleries in Scotland. The main part of the single malt is used in the blends Chivas Regal and Royal Salute. The nose is light and marked by the wood and sherry. The palate is full and dry, but rather pleasant. The finish, on fruit, is of an average length. A classical single malt, where the mouth dominates the nose.

## Tomatin

12 Year Old

R 25.00

Founded in 1897, and now owned by the Japanese group Takara, Shuzo & Okura, Tomatin is the largest distillery in Scotland, with 23 stills. Delicately spicy nose, fresh, aniseed, sandalwood. A sweet palate, biscuity, pistachios, with a crème de Menthe finish.

## Tomintoul

16 Year Old

R 40.00

Nose: Nutty (hazelnut) with dry bracken/heather and cereal. Water brings out grassiness, a touch of syrup and green fern. Palate: Soft to start. Rounded with butterscotch and nutmeg. Light, dry. Spicy finish.

## Tomintoul

27 Year Old

R 50.00

Deep amber colour. Floral, rich, round complex nose with hints of sweetness and oak tones. Round, rich gentle complex palate with some smokiness and sweetness. A long full excellent finish. A richer whisky perfect for special occasions

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## The Highlands

In recent times the Highlands has been broken down by broad geographical districts: Northern, Eastern, Western and Central. Whilst it is no easy task to categorise the characteristics of each region, especially since the wood and other aspects contribute to the flavours, there are certain features that we can identify.



## Northern Highlands

*North-Highlands malts tend to be light-bodied and delicate, but with complex aromas and a dryish finish, sometimes spicy, and even with a hint of sea-salt. Some are slightly peaty or smoky, and generally don't take too much sherry maturation.*

### Balblair 16 Year Old R 32.00

Quite lush and fruity. Medium sweet, softly malted but lashings of vanilla on the nose. Confident and assertive - then the taste buds are treated to an outrageous outbreak of spicy, multi-layered oaky complexity. Earthy stuff. Dark chocolate and raisins make for a very, very long finish. Only for those who prefer a malt that talks. Brilliant.

### Brora 22 Year Old OMC R 65.00

Afert being known as the 'Lagavulin of the north' for its peaty character, this distillery closed in 1983. For this reason Brora malts are much sought after by collectors. This 22 year old Old Malt Cask bottling is not quite so peaty, with big notes of marzipan and quinces, wax and heavy buttery notes on the nose. Also a little mint, coffee (cappuccino), bitter oranges...gets much meatier (ham, beef stock) and finally a little smoky (garden bonfire). Palate: Softer than expected, mildly peaty, leafy, leathery and a little buttery again. Soft smoke and a little salt. Medium long finish.

### Brora 1982 Connoisseur's R 85.00

Matured in refill sherry butts, this malt has a nice balance of Islay and Highland character. Nose: Dried fruit - figs, slight floral note also a spicy, cinnamon note. Palate: Peat reek, rich fruit and sherry wood.

### Clynelish 14 Year Old R 40.00

Just 1% of the Clynelish production is marketed as single malt, the remaining part being used in the Johnnie Walker Gold Label blend. Nose: Sweet grass, lightly peppery/mustardy. Palate: Creamy maltiness, big flavours, peaty, seaweedy-fruity. A fresh, mustardy finish, some salt, too.

### Dalmore 12 Year Old R 30.00


For over 160 years, the Dalmore distillery has produced malts of great distinction. Pure, clean water taken from the local River Alness is used to create The Dalmore in the time-honoured way, and the small band of stillmen who run the distillery, originate from a handful of local families who work together in creating the finest of Scotch Malt Whiskies. Intense and firm nose. Well structured with silky smooth malty tones - a hint of Oloroso sherry, orange, marmalade, spices. Rich, full bodied taste, citrus, with an aftertaste of great abundance.

### Dalmore Cigar Malt R 45.00

Another masterpiece from Whyte & Mackay. Gentle smokiness like chestnuts roasting on an open fire, an emphatic 'box of chocolates' aroma: Orange cream pralines in black chocolate. Palate: Texture and flavour of chocolate mousse cake, powdered cocoa, then juicy maltiness and understated vanilla-pod dryness. Finish: Biscotti, a hint of toast, charcoal, oak. Beautifully constructed, very distinctive.

### Glenmorangie 10 Year Old R 35.00

The Glenmorangie stills are the tallest used in Scotch production, giving a light, clean spirit which is filled out by ageing in ex-Bourbon casks. Fresh, medium-bodied and steely with floral notes and a touch of peat, Glenmorangie is one of the most popular malts in the world. A rich nose, perhaps the most enigmatic aroma of them all: delicate yet assertive, sweet yet dry, young yet oaky. Flowery, herby, salty palate, with the slightest hint of smoke. Amazingly long finish, drying from the initial sweetness but with flaked almonds amid the oakier notes.

- Glenmorangie 10 Year Old Original**  R 40.00  
The new version of Scotland's best selling single malt. Velvet textured with delicate, honeyed overtones and a burst of citrus softening into vanilla and almonds.
- Glenmorangie 18 Year Old** R 75.00  
Matured for 15 years in bourbon, then oloroso Nose: Some oak. More vanilla. Lots of walnuts. Touch of peppermint. Palate: Fleshier. Good wood-extract and esters. Some peatiness emerging. The whole potpourri of spiciness. Finish: Firm, dry, rounded. Nutty. Hint of peat.
- Glenmorangie Artisan Cask** R 30.00  
Nose: Light acetone notes on an intense nose: pencil shavings, lychee. Seems young. Palate: Light and sweet with lively citric character, very light. Short, fresh and very lively finish.
- Glenmorangie Astar** R 75.00  
Nose: Ginger, citrus, tweed, paprika, black pepper, becomes very deep with smoky vanilla, polished wood. Water opens up more sweet notes, natural caramel or butter toffee. Palate: Big, assertive and very bourbony. Exceptionally spicy & peppery but with compensating sweet creamy vanilla. Big mouth-filling weight - quite macho. With water, much more approachable though still very spicy. Finish: Immense. Very long and warming, with tingling spices that last an eon.
- Glenmorangie Burgundy wood finish** R 40.00  
An overwhelming array of aromas: vanilla, orange blossom, poached pear, cooked plum, membrillo, overripe fruit, maple syrup. Palate: Big, soft, syrupy. Sweetish, very fruity, winey. Finish: Lurking behind, and emerging gradually, restrained balancing dryness of toast and oak.
- Glenmorangie Lasanta** R 45.00  
The new sherry finish. Aroma: Chocolate covered raisins, honey and smooth caramel toffee. Citrus, creme brulee, rum and raisin ice cream. Palate: Spanish sherry with sultanas, orange segments, walnuts and butter toffee. Hazelnut, spice notes and hints of leather. Finish: Satisfyingly long with spiced orange and chocolate enrobed hazelnuts.
- Glenmorangie Madeira wood finish** R 40.00  
Nose: Sweet. Very spicy. honey-cake. Palate: Unusually buttery, barley-sugar sweetness at first: toffee, chewy, cakey. Then nutty, seed-like and grainy as it dries. Cinnamon and spices. Finish: Short and sweet. Salty, oaky, rummy.
- Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or** R 45.00  
Glenmorangie's new re-styled Sauternes Finish has a delicious citrusy, honeyed character. Lemon icing on the nose, sultanas, dates, warming ginger, coconut and nutmeg. The lemon tart gives way to crème caramel and zesty lime, warming ginger & lemon meringue. Languid & sweet finish.
- Glenmorangie Port wood finish** R 40.00  
Nose: Pronouncedly fruity - raisins, cherries and winey. Palate: Sweetness and smooth, barley sugars with occasional salty and sherbety highlights. Reasonably long finish, sweetness & spice.
- Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban** R 45.00  
The new port finish. Nose: Pronouncedly fruity - raisins, cherries and winey. Palate: Sweetness and smooth, barley sugars with occasional salty and sherbety highlights. Reasonably long finish, sweetness & spice.
- Glenmorangie Sherry wood finish** R 40.00  
Nose: Deep and enticing, peaches and cream and a little added salt and sour. Long, sustained flavour development. Sherryish richness almost overpowers the distillery character. Warm and lingering finish giving way to salt and oak
- Glenmorangie Signet** R 140.00  
A beautifully presented single malt whisky from Glenmorangie with a very interesting story behind it. Made with a heavily roasted 'chocolate' malt, as well as spirit from the original maltings. Complex nose, with aromas of rich fruit, honey, marmalade, maple, Sherry, sweet oak and spice. The body is silky-smooth and the palate offers lots of fruit and lively spice, with dark chocolate, contrasting vanilla and a hint of leather. The finish is spicy and medium in length. An excellent, innovative whisky.
- Glen Ord 12 Year Old** R 38.00  
Founded in 1838, Glen Ord is the only surviving distillery in the Black Isle area. About 10% of the production is marketed as single malt, the remaining being used in the blends Johnnie Walker and Dewar's. A touch of sherry on the nose, to round its big maltiness - and a subtle hint of peat. Palate: Luscious, clean, maltiness and barley-sugar sweetness, gentle peating. Firm, smooth finish. Orange zest. Cinnamon. Light ginger.

**Old Pulteney** 12 Year Old R 25.00

With the exception of Orkney Islands, Pulteney is the most northern distillery in Scotland. This deep amber, red-gold whisky has a hint of sea air on the nose. The taste is dry, medium bodied and smooth, with a clear, faintly salty finish, and a slight sherry note. Considering its availability and price, should be an essential in every Scotch Whisky collection. Awarded Double Gold at the San Francisco World Spirit Competition 2005.



**Old Pulteney** 17 Year Old R 50.00

Enticing, elegantly fruity. Apple and quince jelly. Barley sugar. Honey syrup. Strawberry shortcake. Sawdust. Oak notes unwind lazily. Palate: Crisp and clean. Warm straw. Wood and fruit well integrated. Stewed apples and pears, a soft wave of black pepper. Perfectly balanced. Drier finish, spicy. A great combination of complexity and simplicity.

## Eastern Highlands

*The malts produced north of Aberdeen tend to be medium-bodied, malty, slightly sweet, smooth and slightly smoky, with a dry finish. The malts produced south of Aberdeen are richer, more toffee-like, with citrus notes.*

**Fettercairn** 1991 OMC R 45.00

Founded in 1824, Fettercairn is one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland and its long history reflects the ebb and flow fortunes of the whisky industry itself. Now owned by Whyte & Mackay Distillers, Fettercairn contributes to the Whyte & Mackay blends, and only around 4% is available as a single malt.

**Glencadam** 16 Year Old R 45.00

The Glencadam distillery has been founded in 1825 near the royal burgh Brechin by George Cooper, and is presently owned by Angus Dundee Distillers. Almost all of the production goes into the Ballantine's blend. This 16 year old is medium-bodied and slightly floral, with a rich malty core. Water reveals a buttery richness with honeyed fruits, hot cross buns and spices on the nose. A dry-ish start to the palate, with light spice and nut, then citrus oils, hazelnut and an overall pleasant texture. Well balanced. Dry finish with a touch of smoke.

**Glen Garioch** 15 Year Old R 35.00

Glen Garioch distillery is one of around 6 or so in the eastern highlands. This single malt is almost incense-like and perfumy on the nose - parma violets & heather. Quite a rich palate, starts malty, but becomes drier & more spicy - the flavour just keeps on developing. More emphatic spiciness and peat on the finish.

**Glen Garioch** 21 Year Old R 65.00

Nose: Fresh leather. Attractive blend of sherry and peat. Palate: Creamier, raisiny, with sweet, juicy oak. The peat emerges when water is added. Finish: Teasing, smoky, smooth. A very sophisticated bottling. Perfect after a fine dinner.

## Western Highlands

*West-highland malts tend to have a whiff of smoke, slightly phenolic, and generally have a sweet start and peppery finish.*

**Glengoyne** 10 Year Old

One of Scotland's smallest distilleries, Glengoyne is situated a few miles from Loch Lomond, just north of Glasgow. Their whiskies are known for their distinct lack of any peatiness, made using "air-dried barley", which Glengoyne claims results in a subtle, more complex flavour profile, and mostly matured in plain oak. It is fresh and well-rounded on the nose, with medium sweet aromas suggesting malt, oak, and a hint of Sherry. Smooth and delicate on the palate, it is slightly oaky, and there is a suggestion of cooking apples. The finish is pleasingly long, with buttery, vanilla notes.

**Glengoyne** 12 Year Old Cask Strength

Bottled unchill-filtered, the 12-year-old cask strength expression has a clean nose, with just a hint of sherry, plus malt and fresh fruit that is extremely enticing. Water brings out emphatic brittle toffee notes. Smooth, well-balanced and decidedly malty on the palate, with a hint of dark chocolate, this is rather moreish. The fruity finish also brings notes of lingering Espresso coffee.

**Glengoyne** 17 Year Old R 55.00

The 17 year old has some sherry character. Nose: Masses of sweet oak: cocoa, hot butter, taffy, chocolate ganash and some light cherry notes. Some cereal alongside polished oak and nuts. Palate: Excellent layering effect. Flows across the palate: creamy and smooth, hot gorse and very chewy. Finish: Red and black fruits. There's masses of oak here, but it has real sweet-hearted charm.

**Oban** 14 Year Old R 48.00

The Oban distillery is in the very heart of the charming harbour town, facing the Isle of Mull, and was built in 1794 by the Stevenson brothers, and is now part of the Diageo stable. Nose: a whiff of the sea, but also a touch of fresh peat, and some maltiness. Palate deceptively delicate at first, perfumy, with a faint hint of fruity seaweed, then lightly waxy, becoming smoky & dry. Aromatic, smooth, appetizing finish.

## Central Highlands

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*These are generally lighter-bodied and sweeter than eastern highland malts, but not quite as sweet as Speysides. They are generally fragrant, but tend to have a dry finish.*

**Aberfeldy** 21 Year Old R 85.00

The home of "Dewar's World Of Whisky", the distillery was built in 1896. The 21 year old is "heathery honey aroma and a full flavour with touches of Seville oranges, which linger on the tongue". Winner of the Best Mainland Single Malt in the World Whiskies Awards 2007.

**Blair Athol (OMC)** 14 Year Old R 40.00

The main single malt used in Bells, as well as Johnnie Walker Black Label. A creamy, nutty, lightly peaty nose, gives way to a full-bodied palate. Decidedly silky-smooth. Spiced cake, candied lemon peels, lots of flavour development. Smoky finish, rooty, treacly. Impeccable balance between sweetness and dryness. A very sophisticated, lovely whisky.

**Dalwhinnie** 15 Year Old R 55.00

The name comes from the Gaelic for a "meeting place", after the village in the Scottish Highlands. Dalwhinnie is the highest distillery in the Highlands, and is subjected to drastic seasonal temperature changes. This leads to melted-snow waters, which result in the whisky's distinctive taste. The nose is described as "a sweet mix of oloroso and licorice, with malty and peat-smoke aromas". The taste of honey, heather, vanilla and cinnamon turns to a well defined malt flavour on the lips, with a rich honey finish.

**Dalwhinnie** Distiller's Edition R 70.00

Finished in fresh Oloroso Sherry casks, this is a very different proposition to the normal Dalwhinnie, with extra depth and sweetness in addition to the normal Dalwhinnie characteristics. Nose: Oloroso, liquorice, rooty, grassy. Palate: Very sweet, toffeeish start. Honey. Very distinct lemony notes. Long flavour development to peatiness, cut-grass, vanilla and fresh oak. Finish: Very long. Cut-grass, peat, smoke, oak. Beautiful interplay and balance.

**Deanston** 12 Year Old R 40.00

Deanston, in Perthshire, was converted from a cotton mill by the Deanston Distillery Co Ltd in 1965. The first spirit was distilled in October 1966 and in 1971 the very first whisky became available under the name 'Old Bannockburn'. Nose: Dry. Light peat. Grass. Linseed, leather. Palate: Lightly oily. Sweet. Lemon-zest. Lemon-grass. Lightly malty. Finish: Sherbet. Lemon-zest again. Grass. Appetising nutty dryness.

**Edradour** 10 Year Old R 45.00

Lying in the hills overlooking Pitlochry is Edradour Distillery, the smallest distillery in Scotland, with 3 full-time employees. Edradour is the last survivor of the long tradition of farmhouse distilleries, and its annual output of 240,000 bottles per year would emerge from the stills of a large Speyside distillery in less than a week. The colour is rich gold. Nose: Dried apricots, Oloroso sherry, faintly spicy smokiness. Enormously rich mouthfeel, with roasted barley and then a wave of grapey fruit. A firm, grippy finish. A touch of peaty bitterness. Massive whisky from a pint-sized distillery and massively impressive.

**Edradour** Unchillfiltered R 55.00

Very fragrant and perfumed on the nose. Chewy and syrupy on the palate, with layers of sweetness (toffee, caramel, fudge), roasted almonds, and raisins. A drying, resinous spice finish saves the sweetness from being too dominant.

**Edradour** Bordeaux Finish R 60.00

Straight from the Cask' Bordeaux Finish was finished for 8 months in a Bordeaux cask. Interesting nose, with a hint of smoke, and sweet on the palate.

**Edradour** Cask Strength R 125.00

The Edradour Cask Strength was distilled on 01/06/93 and bottled on 22/06/05. Limited to 658 bottles, this fine single malt is un-chillfiltered. The nose detects fine candied orange notes. The palate is powerful and smooth. Woody hints are present, due to the sherry influence. The malt also has some fruity character (peach skin). The finish is marked by pepper and nutmeg.

**Glendower** 15 Year Old R 18.00

Nose: Graceful, elegant, with a hint of smoke. Palate: Well-balanced, medium dry, with hints of vanilla and hazelnuts. Warm, short finish.



# SCOTCH SINGLE MALT WHISKY

## The Lowlands

Lowland malts are much lighter than Highland, with little or no peating. In the nineteenth century many distilleries were active in this area, supplying almost the entire production. There are now only 2 active distilleries in the area. The malts are light, with a clean finish, which makes them excellent aperitifs.



### **Auchentoshan**                      10 Year Old                      R 28.00

Established in 1823, Auchentoshan overlooks the famous River Clyde, near Glasgow. After being bombed during WW2, the burning whisky poured into the river. The distillery is currently owned by the Morisson Bowmore group - part of the Japanese Suntory group, and is one of the last active distilleries in the Lowlands. The nose is floral, with hints of tangerine and raisins, giving way to a sweet and violet palate and a clean taste. A light, crisp finish with a hint of lemon-grass spiciness. Auchentoshan is the only triple-distilled single-malt Scotch Whisky.

### **Auchentoshan**                      Three Wood                      R 40.00

Armagnac and cognac, prunes, and treacle cake. Complex and long-lasting palate, with raisins, cherries and chocolate. European oak to the fore. Finish: A sophisticated complex of flavour, with maple syrup, dark fruits and apples. A well constructed malt with varied wood flavour, although the prevalence of sherry flavours makes it atypical of the region.

### **Auchentoshan**                      18 Year Old                      R 85.00

This 18-year-old expression has been matured in first and second fill Oloroso Sherry butts, and is limited to just 4,800 bottles. Undiluted, the nose offers pear drops and distinctive fruit notes (fresh raspberries?), with more malt coming through when water is added. Elegant and eminently drinkable, even at cask strength, this Auchentoshan is fruity yet quite dry and nutty, with liquorice developing late on. The finish is progressively drying, with the fruitiness remaining right to the end.

### **Auchentoshan**                      Select                      R 40.00

Nose: Floral, green apples and a hint of lime. Palate: Soft blackcurrant and lime flavors, with a touch of aniseed and malty sweetness. Finish: Short, soft and fresh.

### **Bladnoch**                      13 Year Old                      R 30.00

The most southern distillery in Scotland, Bladnoch was mothballed in 1993. It was later bought by an Irish businessman, and turned into a visitor centre in 1998. Production has restarted, although in limited quantities. This expression has subtle aromas of ripe fruit on a malt background. Sweet citrus (orange) palate, fresh and sweet. The finish is rather short.

### **Glenkinchie**                      12 Year Old                      R 40.00

Situated near Edinburgh, Glenkinchie is with Auchentoshan one of the last active distilleries in the Lowlands, and is still considered by many to be the lowland malt of the gentry. The distillery is now part of the Diageo stable. The malt is used in blends, among others Johnny Walker Red and Black Label, Buchanan and Dimple. A spicy & freshly aromatic nose, with a soft, spicy palate - notes of ginger and cinnamon. A spicy, dry finish. It is one of the Classic Malts collection.

### **Littlemill**                      12 Year Old                      R 30.00

A fire destroyed what remained of one of the oldest distilleries in Scotland. Smooth, sweet & fresh on the nose, with hints of ripe fruit, hay & honey. Honeyish, slightly nutty, but well balanced palate, with a short, sweet finish.

### **Littlemill**                      Cadenhead's 17 Year Old                      R 180.00

Arguably the best lowland bottling ever. This silent distillery produced a light but characterful spirit, and this Cadenhead's bottling is a perfect example of a cask-strength, unchillfiltered masterpiece. Rich, sweet and complex, with mint-toffee immediately coming to the fore, followed by a soft, smooth, lingering finish.

**Rosebank**

11 Year Old OMC

R 55.00

Considered as the best of all Lowlands malts by some specialists, Rosebank was mothballed in 1993, and some bottlings are still available. A honeyed/floral nose becomes more accentuated with the addition of water. Its light, smooth body, even without water, gives rise to an attractive clean, yet fruity palate. The soft dry finish would make for an excellent aperitif.

**St Magdalene**

23 Year Old OMC 1982

R 65.00

The distillery, originally called Linlithgow, dates from 1765. It was mothballed in 1983 after being sold to UDV, and converted into apartments. This Douglas Laing bottling has a fresh, spicy nose, with cut grass and slightly peppery notes, with smooth hints of honey. Slightly more aggressive palate, with hints of hazelnut & tangerine. A relatively long, pleasant finish combining all the elements of the nose & palate.

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### Islay

Islay, the southernmost of the Western Isles, is flat and green and rich in peat. The prevailing wind drives salt spray far inland, which saturates the peat. There are 8 distilleries, most of them producing strong-flavoured, peaty malts - a result of peat the malted barley and maturing the resulting malts in casks battered by the sea br



**Ardbeg**                      10 Year Old                      R 40.00

Reputedly the hideout of a gang of smugglers, Ardbeg was home to a family of MacDougals since 1798, who started the legal distillery in 1815. It is now owned by Glenmorangie. Unmistakeably Islay, Ardbeg is one of the peatiest whiskies - full bodied, beautifully balanced, complex and deep. Smoky, earthy, with touches of chocolate, seaweed and iodine.

**Ardbeg**                      14 Year Old                      OMC 1001                      R 65.00



Nose: Medicinal - bandages and camphor. Palate: Slightly bitter, herby and dry. Medium finish for an Ardbeg.

**Ardbeg**                      17 Year Old                      R 90.00

A much sought-after offering from Ardbeg. Nose: A gentle, sweet peat leads the way to a complex arrival of malt and vanilla. Palate: Soft and languid at first, brilliant chewy malt and cocoa adds the depth and balance. Finish: There is a delightful level of residual peat which ensures a long finish.

**Ardbeg**                      Airigh Nam Beist                      1990                      R 75.00

This is a 16 Year Old, 1990 vintage, from a vatting of ex-bourbon casks. The initial impression is of eating an Ardbeg ice-cream on the beach - the combination of sea spray, creamy vanilla ice-cream, infused with hints of peat oil, finished with a drizzle of gooey fudge sauce. Cutting through this luscious sweetness is an exciting assortment of fennel and pine nuts, zesty limes and sherbet with a touch of geranium leaves and lavender. A superb malt which won't be around for too much longer.

**Ardbeg**                      Blasda                      R 55.00

A limited release of lighter-peated Ardbeg (8ppm in bottle, compared to 23ppm of the 10). Sure to be a cult hit, this is a lighter, less moody version of the world's buzziest malt. Unusually for Ardbeg it is bottled at 40% and into a clear glass bottle.

**Ardbeg**                      Renaissance                      R 75.00

The conclusion of the Very Young, Still Young and Almost There series. We've just tried the finished article and it's abso-bloomin-lutely fan-bloody-tastic. Lots of creaminess cut through with old fashioned 'Beggy tarry rope and earthiness.

**Ardbeg**                      Rollercoaster                      R 95.00



A limited bottling for the Ardbeg Committee, comprising malts from every year between 1997 and 2006. An enormous whisky, a perfect fusion of sweetness, spice, creamy malt and deep smoke: a sensational example of multi-layered classic Ardbeg.


**Ardbeg**                      Supernova                      R 150.00
















By far the peatiest Ardbeg to date, peated to over 100ppm. Nose: Earthy peat, black pepper, herbal notes of juniper, elderflower and agave. Tar ropes and creosote, currents and chilli peppers. With water, coal tar, rolling tobacco, peat moss and roasted malt. Smoky charcoal and asparagus. Palate: Smoke and salt – crushed black pepper, chilli, chocolate, rolling tobacco. Linseed oil, brine and lime. Cigar smoke and dark roasted earthy coffee, liquorice root. Long and powerful finish, with tarry peat, cocoa and chilli. Be brave.

**Ardbeg**                      Uigeadail                      R 95.00

Since its launch in 2003, this cask strength edition has been a massive success. A mix of 1993 bourbon casks and older fino sherry casks it has an exciting peaty attack tempered by a lip-smacking sherried texture. Rich, fruity, musty and leathery on the nose, becoming raisiny with time and water. Palate: Huge! Earthy, rich sweetness, smoky and malty. Great balance and surprisingly drinkable at cask strength.

<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>12 Year Old</b>		<b>R 35.00</b>
<p>Bowmore Distillery, founded in 1779, is one of the oldest in Scotland, and stands on the shores of Loch Indaal on Islay. One of the few distilleries still producing its own floor-malted barley, its proximity to the sea gives the whisky its final character. Bowmore is one of the fastest growing whisky brands in the world, and the most highly awarded of all the Islay malts. Nosing produces salt, seaweed &amp; smoke aromas, while tasting results in a smoky taste, balanced by heather-honey sweetness, chocolate, pear, and citrus notes. Long &amp; complex finish.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>1989</b>		<b>R 85.00</b>
<p>A bottling made up of 134 casks, predominantly American bourbon barrels. Supplies dried up in summer 2006. Nose: Sea Breeze, Soft Iodine. Palate: Creamy smoke, Powerful medicinal finish. "The finish stays around till bedtime" - a very good interpretation.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>1990</b>		<b>R 60.00</b>
<p>Nose: Fantastic. Quite fragrant with cigar smoke, heather, chocolate covered raisin, liquorice, walnut and sweet mash underneath. Robust palate, dry and slightly perfumed a hint of lavender (though this is reduced with water). Smouldering peat, hard toffee. A little perfumed finish.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>17 Year Old</b>		<b>R 85.00</b>
<p>Gold medal winner at the International Spirits Challenge. Nose: Smoothly aromatic, nutty malt. Smoky. very good, appetising medicinal Islay character. Rounded, firm palette, malty, dry creaminess. Tightly combined flavours. Finish: Leafy, ferny, malty, sandy, smoky. Overall: A touch of astringency that seems to be more than Islay iodine.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>18 Year Old</b>		<b>R 55.00</b>
<p>This has replaced the inimitable 17 year old, and does a great job. Allow it a little time to open up, and it reveals classic Bowmore fruit, malt &amp; subtle peat, slightly more maritime than the 17. This expression contains a higher percentage of Oloroso casks, married for longer to give a little more depth &amp; complexity. A broader feel on the mouth, very floral, with more citrus &amp; chocolate. Long floral finish.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>Darkest</b>		<b>R 40.00</b>
<p>Fragrantly smoky, perfumy, very floral, sea air. Astonishingly fresh, delicious, appetising, complex. Palate: Perfumy start, hint of flowering currant. Nutty. Layers of dry, black-treacle, maltiness. Smooth finish - polished stone. Hard, salty, licorice.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>Darkest (15 y/o)</b>		<b>R 50.00</b>
<p>Differs from the previous 'Darkest' in that the maturation period in Oloroso Sherry casks has been extended from two to three years. The nose offers rich, dark chocolate aromas and raisins, and greater depth and character than the (14-year-old) Darkest it replaces. Mouth-coating, rich and dark on the palate, with old Sherry, bitter chocolate, treacle toffee, and a hint of smoke, with treacle and smoke lingering in the lengthy, robust finish</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>Dawn</b>		<b>R 40.00</b>
<p>Soft, gentle, sooty smokiness. Textured, lightly toffeeish. Fruity. Interplay of brown-sugar sweetness and tar-like dryness. Hot, sweet, smoky finish.</p>			
<b>Bowmore</b>	<b>Dusk</b>		<b>R 40.00</b>
<p>A dextrous aroma, beautifully sculpted. The peat is even and forms merely a backdrop; in the foreground are rose petals, apple and grape. A soft, controlled explosion of peat that reaches all parts of the palate. Brilliantly balanced.</p>			
<b>Bruichladdich</b>	<b>10 Year Old</b>		<b>R 30.00</b>
<p>Distillery of the Year 2001 and 2003. Bruichladdich is a working museum, with much of the original equipment still in use today. They pride themselves in a complete lack of computers involved in the production of their whisky. Nothing is added but pure, Islay spring water to reduce from cask strength to 46%. Nothing is taken away - all their whiskies are non chill-filtered and are colouring-free. Fresh, clean and flowery nose. Lightly creamy taste - peaches, summer fruit, zesty, with a feisty and breezy finish.</p>			
<b>Bruichladdich</b>	<b>3D Moine Mhor</b>		<b>R 50.00</b>
<p>Moine Mhor' - The Big Peat! Casks were selected from 1989, 1998 and 2001 - refill Sherry butts, refill Bourbon hogsheads and fresh Bourbon casks - born of barley peated at 3ppm, 25ppm and 40ppm. Tasting: It's a blast! Hot, sweet peat flies right over the palate and goes straight to the heart. Only when the fire dies a little do the other Laddie characteristics appear and soothe the senses. The fruity zesty honey marine keynotes have to be at their very best to contain the new kid on the block.</p>			

- Bruichladdich**      Links 14 Year Old      R 40.00
- Aged in refill sherry casks. One taste bears this out with its dominant honeyed fruit foundation (lemons, melons, pineapple). Still, that Bruichladdich freshness and appetizing “sea breeze” character dovetails nicely.
- Bruichladdich**      Fifteen            R 55.00
- Nose: Toffee, butterscotch overture, followed by vanilla, citrus and apricots, with a final touch of malt, and underlying toastiness throughout. Palate: Ultra-delicate, creamy, apricots, hint of orange marmalade lusciousness, spicy fruitiness. Rich dried fruit finish with butterscotch, chocolate sweetness and growing toastiness. Voted "World's best Islay Single Malt Whisky (Non-peated)".
- Bruichladdich**      XVII            R 65.00
- Nose: Gentle and soft. Sweet oak, flowers, vanilla, nutmeg, dried apple, apricot. Water brings out more toasty notes, hazelnut and milk chocolate. Palate: Rounded and creamy, with a subtle interplay between vanilla-like oak, macaroon bars, nut and fruit. Finish: Fresh and crisp. What is it about Islay whiskies in their mid-teens? A masterclass in subtlety.
- Bruichladdich**      Rocks      R 22.00
- The first designer malt, and as master distiller Jim McEwan says it, the ideal malt to have over ice: “This is not factory-produced whisky. I wanted to design a whisky that reflected the rugged beauty of this island where I have lived all my life, one with a rainbow of aromas, to show the true artistry of distilling. My inspiration? Where the oldest rocks in Scotland meet the wild Atlantic ocean.”. After maturing in Bourbon casks, Grenache wine casks from the Banyuls region of south west France were used to add fruit nuances after a short period of refinement. Spicy with a hint of licorice.
- Bunnahabhain**      11 Year Old OMC      R 40.00
- The distillery is situated on Islay, and its water is piped from streams in the surrounding hills and is therefore less peaty than other Islay malts. 95% of the production is for blends, amongst others Black Bottle and The Famous Grouse.
- Bunnahabhain**      12 Year Old      R 40.00
- Nose: Remarkably fresh, sweet, sea-air and perfume. Palate: Gentle, clean, nutty-malty sweetness. Finish: Herbal. Sage. Appetising and remarkably refreshing.
- Bunnahabhain**      15 Year Old OMC      R 45.00
- Medium-sweet, rich, ripe and fruity with a dark tarriness at the back and a floral note.
- Bunnahabhain**      18 Year Old      R 55.00
- Dusty and damp with rich-sherry-character. Mint humbugs and cherries. A fresh woodiness reminiscent of a delicate cognac. Chewy to taste, with more wood character. Well-balanced with an attractive finish. A superb malt.
- Caol Ila**      8 Year Old Unpeated      R 60.00
- Very clean fresh and slightly sweet with touches of raspberry leaf, melon balls/rind, green banana. Fruity and gentle but seems young. Light and lively in the mouth. Juicy mid palate with that melon character coming to the fore. Delightful. Fresh, slightly green grassy finish. Not what you expect from Caol Ila though this unpeated style has been made for blending for 20 years or more.
- Caol Ila**      12 Year Old      R 40.00
- The Caol Ila distillery was founded by Hector Henderson in 1846, and is now owned by Diageo. Most of the production (90%) is used in blends like Bell's, White Horse, and Johnnie Walker. The distillery is the largest in Islay, and produces about 3 000 000 litres a year. This 12 year old is oily yet fruity. Linseed oil, green olive, smoked fish. Lightly medicinal, wet grass, linseed oil, smoky wood (balsa wood?). With water good biscuity malt and smoky bacon notes. Rounded, mid-weight. Good smoky intensity mid-palate. Clean juicy fruits, oil and dry smoke. A long, smoky finish. Well balanced.
- Caol Ila**      18 Year Old            R 50.00
- The 18 year old is a great example of the more florally herbal flavours that comprise the style. The colour is yellow-gold, and has a complex nose, marked by peat, iodine (salmon eggs), spices and citrus fruits. The palate is elegant, and reveals hints of candy, sweet almond and dry peat. The finish is long, smooth and firm, and develops on smoky malted barley sweetness.

- Caol Ila**                      **Cask Strength**                                            **R 45.00**
- Caol Ila's cask strength offering (55% alcohol). Staff tasting notes: Nose: Malty sweetness, peat, oil and smoked meat. Some lemon pudding comes later, as the whisky evolves and improves. Palate: Malty sweetness, green barley, some creosote and treacle toffee. Overall: "Popular with everyone who tried it!"
- Finlaggan**                      **No age statement**                                            **R 20.00**
- A mysterious single malt, in that there is no Finlaggan Distillery! The whisky reputedly comes from one of the Islay Distilleries, and is aged around 8 years. A smoky, peaty sulphuric nose, reminiscent of burnt rubber, with a full palate containing all the ingredients of an Islay malt. Short but pleasing finish.
- Lagavulin**                      **16 Year Old**                                            **R 60.00**
- Imagine a peat bog. Hold it in your mind. See it. Feel it. Smell it. Got it? Good. Now burn it. Burn it all. Reduce it to fine lumps of charcoal. Take the breath of heaven, mix with finely-powdered gold, liquefy, and pour through the aforementioned charcoal lumps. Add the slight taste of smoke on your lover's skin at the end of a night at the bar, and then the warmth of sunlight on your body after rising from the North Atlantic on a hot spring day, when the Gulf Stream doesn't help and the water is just above freezing. Toss in a hint of burning underground veins of coal; deep, mysterious, hot. Mix well. Magically transport to Islay, Scotland, where helpful folk place it in bottles and casks (wise ones) to be sold abroad and drunk at home. Lagavulin is all this, and more.
- Lagavulin**                      **Distillers Edition**                                            **R 75.00**
- Lagavulin Bay was once a MacDonald stronghold, and the ruins of Dunyvaig Castle still stand proudly guarding the point. The distillery was founded in 1816 by John Johnston, and is currently owned by Diageo. Lagavulin is a huge, peat-laden whisky, not for the faint hearted. One of the 6 Classic Malts, this dark amber whisky is peaty on the nose, with hints of sea-salt, iodine and seaweed. The old favourite finished in Pedro Ximenez casks. Rich and sweet, then smoky, becoming medicinal and seaweedy. Some salty notes are added to the already lingering peat. Voted "World's best Islay Single Malt Whisky (Peated)"
- Laphroaig**                      **10 Year Old**                                            **R 40.00**
- Laphroaig, Gaelic for "the beautiful hollow by the broad bay", has an idyllic setting with its own sea loch and peninsula. The distillery was established in 1815, and is today owned by Whitbread, the brewers. The whisky is characteristically peaty and full-coloured, and is one of the top five best-selling malts today. Nose: Phenolic, seaweedy, with a hint of estery, melony, sweetness. Palate: Seaweedy, salty, oily. Finish: Round, dry, iodine-like. The most medicinal of Islay malts.
- Laphroaig**                      **15 Year Old**                                            **R 95.00**
- The 15 year old has won two gold medals at the International Wine & Spirits Challenge in the past. The distillers describe this whisky as "Mildly smoky, with sweet, warm undertones - and just a hint of the sea." Always bottled in limited quantities and now a "dearly departed" favourite.
- Laphroaig (OMC)**                      **17 Year Old**                                            **R 45.00**
- Seaweedy on the nose, slightly medicinal and woody. Sweet tasting, spun sugar. Marshmallowish maltiness. Edible seaweed. A long and smoky finish.
- Laphroaig**                      **18 Year Old**                                            **R 125.00**
- An excellent replacement for the 15 at 48%. Nose: Melting butter and smoke. A smouldering bonfire. Smoked ham. Complex with notes of date and a touch of wood. Palate: Interesting interplay between toasted nut, caramel, apple wood smoke. Great length and complexity though it is better neat. Finish: Long with sweet oak.
- Laphroaig**                      **30 Year Old**                                            **SQ**
- The aroma, on pouring the 30 year old, gives an initial burst of sherry. The full profound depth and roundness of sweet fruit then becomes apparent followed by a tantalising hint of Islay peat. On tasting, all the traditional Laphroaig personality comes through, allied with a succulent, heavy roundness that belies the massive depth and power of this outstanding and unique single malt. Some consider it the finest of all Islay single malts.
- Laphroaig**                      **Cairdeas**                                            **R 125.00**
- A limited release available only to "Friends of Laphroaig" members. Creamy vanilla on the nose, with hints of lemon. Medicinal and sweet. The sweetness bathes the tongue at first, followed by plenty of peat and a dash of salt. Then a pinch of lemon pepper, mellowing into a warm, soft, honeyed finish. Absolutely superb.
- Laphroaig**                      **Quarter Cask**                                            **R 45.00**
- Finished in smaller casks, and bottled at 48%. Nose: Maritime. Kipper-like, orange peel thrown on a barbecue, peat oil, tar, slightly sooty. Ever changing mix of dry, perfumed and sweet. Palate: Starts soft and fruity, then peat. Medicinal peatiness balanced by caramelised sweetness. Finish: Oatcake. Comment: Expansive and complex.

**Port Charlotte**

PC8

R 135.00

The fourth release in the series of heavily peated Bruichladdich. Vanilla fudge, burnt sugar and bacon crisps on the nose. White chocolate and frazzles. Palate: Peat smoke, iodine, medicinal and salty bacon. Initially incredibly dry leaving a sweet cocoa finish. Long and moreish finish. An incredibly smooth whisky for do much complexity and the 60.5% ABV strength.

**Port Ellen**

23 Year Old Provenance

R 120.00

Port Ellen distillery closed in 1984, and despite growing demand for Islay whisky, there has been no talk of it reopening. Fruity. A declension of apple fragrances. Cider, oven roasted apples with cinnamon. Apple blossom. All framed in burning applewood. Firm, slightly tangy palate. Getting sweeter in time but oak keeps a spicy grip on the fruit. Dry, spicy and almondy finish.

**Port Ellen**

25 Year Old OMC

R 140.00

Clover on the nose, elderflower. A touch of acacia honey. Frangipani flower. Touch of malt syrup. Gets biscuity. All very appetising. Palate: Sweet, intriguing. Flavours coil up in a sensuous herbal aromatic display. Warm and tender finish, gingery, with a sweet touch of liquorice. Water reveals peat and smoke. Forget your herbal tea. Go for this fantastic Islay potion! A superb rarity.

## SCOTCH SINGLE MALT WHISKY

### The Isles (*excluding Islay*)

The Isles, comprising Arran, Jura, Mull and Skye off the west coast, and Orkney to the north, produce generally medium-bodied, slightly peaty malts, with hints of salt and seaweed. Most of these malts are matured on the islands, the casks having been given healthy doses of sea-breeze.




<b>Arran</b>	<b>10 Year Old</b>	<b>Arran</b>	<b>R 30.00</b>
Arran is the most recently founded distillery in Scotland (1995). A fresh and elegant nose, marked by fruits (pear) and vanilla on a background of subtle coconut. Palate: Oily, frank and precise attack. Notes of pears in syrup, developing on ripe fruits, raisins and oak. A prolonged citrus and pear finish.			
<b>Arran</b>	<b>Cognac Finish</b>	<b>Arran</b>	<b>R 39.00</b>
Fragrant, exotic, nose. Dried apple. Incense and grass. Dusty with water. Oaky, lightly creamy.			
<b>Arran</b>	<b>Port Cask Finish</b>	<b>Arran</b>	<b>R 45.00</b>
Nose: Floral & sweet with hints of sherbet, aniseed & fresh summer fruits. Palate: A clean, fresh appetising malt. The red berries character (strawberries?) develops on the palate and mingles with a pleasant nuttiness. Perhaps the perfect aperitif dram? Finish: Gentle, malty & sweet with a lingering spicy note in the tail. A cracking combination.			
<b>Highland Park</b>	<b>12 Year Old</b>	<b>Orkney</b>	<b>R 38.00</b>
Highland Park, the most Northern of all Scottish distilleries covers both the city of Kirkwall and the famous Scapa Flow on the Orkney Isles. Smoky on the nose - "garden bonfire" sweetness, heathery, malty, a hint of sherry. Exceptionally smooth palate, succulent, with smoky dryness, heathery-honey sweetness and maltiness, with a teasing, heathery finish.			
<b>Highland Park</b>	<b>18 Year Old</b>	<b>Orkney</b>	<b>R 65.00</b>
Nose: Warm, notably flowery. Heather-honey, fresh oak, sap, peat, smoky fragrance. Palate: Remarkably smooth, firm, rounded. Lightly salty, pine nuts, nuts, honey, cinnamon, dryish ginger. Finish: Spicy, very dry, oaky, smoky, hot. A brilliant malt.			
<b>Highland Park</b>	<b>21 Year Old</b>	<b>Orkney</b>	<b>R 85.00</b>
Voted Best Single Malt in 2009's World Whisky Awards. Big, fruity nose, dried fruits, dried herbs; waxy mouthfeel, sweet taste, crystalline sugar; mouth-cooling. A cracker!			
<b>Jura</b>	<b>10 Year Old</b>	<b>Isle of Jura</b>	<b>R 36.00</b>
The distillery was built in 1810, overlooking the Sound of Jura, and is currently owned by Whyte & Mackay. Reminiscent of a Highland malt, but with a light, clean, fragrant palate of its own. Rich and smooth, with a finish of vanilla, fruit & sugar.			
<b>Jura</b>	<b>16 Year Old</b>	<b>Isle of Jura</b>	<b>R 48.00</b>
A flighty aroma, sea-inspired yet slightly citric. A backbone of firm oak on the palate guarantees a dry start and middle. Softer and sweeter finish, with waves of vanilla. A delicious and sophisticated dram with impressive depth and almost perfect weight.			
<b>Jura</b>	<b>Earth</b>	<b>Isle of Jura</b>	<b>R 75.00</b>
Distilled in 1999, and bottled exclusively for the Islay & Jura Festival 2008, EARTH is a rare heavily-peated expression that brings JURA back to its peaty (37.5 ppm) roots when peat was the only source for drying barley on the island. Finished for two years in French limousine oak, its smoke is balanced by a full palate of spice and fruit, with a hint of orange. A real "Jura monster".			
<b>Jura</b>	<b>Superstition</b>	<b>Isle of Jura</b>	<b>R 38.00</b>
Two styles of spirit from Jura distillery are combined to produce this stunning, beautifully balanced single malt. Nose: Immediate peatiness. Turfy rather than marine. Phenolics, macadamia nut, horchata. Light meaty note. Sweet centre. Palate: Light smoke lying above firm, young grassy, notes. beech nuts, heather. Silky feel. Finish: Good length. Drifting smoke.			


**Scapa (OMC)**                      13 Year Old    Orkney    R 48.00

The distillery is on the banks of Scapa Flow, once a Royal Navy base. Nose : Round, smooth, slightly smoky. Floral (lavender), herbal (cut hay), hints of leather and exotic fruit (pineapple), vanilla. A powerful, round palate, with hints of tobacco, cigar. Fruity (peach, cherry plum), chocolate, praline. develops on dry fruits & nuts (almonds). A long, firm finish. Licorice. Smooth notes of honey and lavender.

**Scapa**                                      14 Year Old    Orkney    R 45.00

Heathery on the nose. Oak, light peat, damson jam. Lavender honey dripping off hot buttered toast. Water brings out sweet almond, orange and cumin. Sweet and honeyed palate with balancing oak and a long unctuous feel. Leather and caramelised notes. Finish: Fudgy with a tickle of smoke. Fant  balance. One for sweet-toothed drinkers.

**Talisker**                                      10 Year Old    Isle of Skye    R 40.00

Talisker is the only distillery on the Isle of Skye, and until 1928 the whisky was triple distilled. With its heavy peating it could never be as light as a lowland malt. It is the main constituent of Johnny Walker Red & Black Label, and is an important component of the Bells blend. By 2002 Tallisker 10 year old had won 6 gold medals and 4 trophies. A sweet and peaty nose, with a hint of sea salt. The big flavoured, peppe  is restrained by sweetness, with a warm finish.

**Talisker**                                      18 Year Old    Isle of Skye    R 75.00

Judged 'World's Best Single Malt' in 2007, this expression is warm, rich and attractive. Leather, pipe-tobacco, sweet sherry and polished oak on the nose, followed by a good creamy texture and a warming finish. A very attractive dram.


**Talisker**                                      Distiller's edition 1991    Isle of Skye    R 75.00

This whisky was transferred from traditional bourbon oak, into amoroso sherry casks to finish its maturation. The result is an orangey richness balanced with pepper and seaweed. Distilled in 1991 and bottled in 2005.

**Tactical (OMC)**                      23 Year Old 1982    Isle of Skye    R 85.00

Another 'Dearly Departed' whisky by Douglas Laing, this is a heavily sherried Talisker that's an absolute must-try for peat-heads! Nose: Lemon puffs, medicinal, violets, mouth gargle, choc rice crispie cakes. Sweet at first on the palate, then medicinal, tarry, with plenty of sherry. Dry, medicinal finish, with spice (nutmeg, black pepper, cinnamon).

## AMERICAN WHISKEY & BOURBON

- Bernheim Wheat** R 60.00  
Bernheim Original is made by Heaven Hill and is the only straight wheat American whiskey available. A winner of the Gold 'Editor's Choice Award' from Whisky Magazine with a score of 17.75 out of 20. Nose: The first impression is butter, then fresh baking, toasted crumpet followed by light red fruit (cherry) and allspice. Gentle, with a tricky quality, lemon meringue lifted by a subtle spiciness. Very clean and well defined.
- Blanton's** R 28.00  
Nose: Big toffee start and gets deeper still. Old leather armchairs and sweet pipesmoke. Palate: Enormous from the off but beautifully shaped by shafts of honey and vanilla. Finish: Now comes into its own, with spice and caramel interweaving. What a treat this fabulous bourbon is. Absolutely everything in proportion.
- Buffalo Trace** R 18.00  
Outstanding aroma, kicked off by a spicy prickle. Satisfying deep, gently vanilla-ed and molassed with even a sprig of sweet mint. Palate: A rip-roaring waxy sweetness checked by a big build up of vanilla-rich oak. Corn is chewy and rye offers a rich-textured background. Finish: Dries at last as the  kes command, but rye offers extra depth and a layer of bitterness as does a lingering liquorice. One of the world's great whiskeys.
- Evan Williams** R 18.00  
Produced by Heaven Hill distillery in Kentucky. Nose: Coconut, vanilla, red berry fruits. Palate: Powerful, smooth, malty, nutty. Tightly combined flavours. A toasted almonds, slight burned bitterness in the finish.
- Jack Daniel's Old No. 7** R 16.00  
Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 Brand Old-Time Tennessee Sour Mash Whiskey is a whiskey and not a bourbon. Since the distillery's registration the whiskey has been awarded many accolades, and is the favourite of many, from rock 'n roll legends to statesmen.
- Jack Daniel's Single Barrel** R 28.00  
Nose: Oakier than a typical Jack Daniel's. Palate: Noticably rounder, polished oak, new leather. Lemon & maple syrup finish. An interesting interplay of Jack Daniel's house character and a more luxurious oakiness.
- Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack** R 30.00  
Nose: Soft but insistent. Sweet then dry. Burnt brown sugar and charcoal. Slightly less overt charcoal-phenol than the regular No 7. Palate: Smooth. Very toasty. Dryish start, but becoming surprisingly sweet. Spicy. Syrupy background. Finish: Cinnamon. Lemons. Comment: A slightly richer and more restrained interpretation of Jack Daniel's.
- Jim Beam White Label** R 16.00  
Originated by Jacob Beam in 1795, Jim Beam is the product of six generations of distillers. Reminiscent of minerals, dried herbs, nutmeg, dried citrus. Rather tight on the palate, displaying ample spice and an angular, yet bracing sensation.
- Jim Beam Black Label** R 20.00  
Jim Beam's 8 year old bourbon.
- Knob Creek Bourbon** R 22.00  
Surprisingly light start. Marshmallow maltiness. Develops smooth, satisfying, nutty, flavours. Hazelnuts. a classic top of the range bourbon.
- Maker's Mark** R 45.00  
Delightful strands of exotic fruit and honey on the nose. Fruit cake. Oak adds to feeling of class. Palate: Lush, pleasingly deep and malty. A firm nuttiness adds extra oily, chewability to the toffee. Finish: Dry. Caramel toffee with the oak guarantees a bittersweet edge. An old faithful of a bourbon. Never lets you down and being from the wheaty school always shows good oak balance.

## Slate Bourbon

R 18.00

Full & fragrant with honey & vanilla notes.

## Wild Turkey 101

R 16.00

Wild Turkey is world-renowned as a truly singular bourbon. Rich amber hue. Subdued wood and mineral aromas. A lean attack leads to a medium-bodied palate. Firm, drying finish. Not exactly refined, but fiery and flavorful with a decided burn.



## Wild Turkey Rare Breed

R 28.00

Wild Turkey is world-renowned as a truly singular bourbon. Rich amber hue. Subdued wood and mineral aromas. A lean attack leads to a medium-bodied palate. Firm, drying finish. Not exactly refined, but fiery and flavorful with a decided burn.



## W L Weller 12 Year Old

R 18.00

Weller & Sons was famous for being the first distiller to produce Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey using "wheat" instead of "rye" in the mash bill. The Wellers believe in the importance of aging whiskey and to this day the firm of W.L. Weller and Sons sells no whiskey that is younger than seven years old. The 12 year old is creamy, fudgy, and oaky, with plenty of dimension.








## Woodford Reserve

R 28.00

Kentucky's top-selling premium bourbon. Nose: Cream-toffee and honeycomb. Vanilla and other gentle oaky tones waft through. Subtle spices warm the palate only for the honey to calm things down again. Sweetcorn, and brilliant, toasty brown-sugared depth - a bourbon of stunning complexity.

## IRISH WHISKEY

- Black Bush**  R 18.00  
 Distilled and aged in Co. Antrim, consisting of 75% malt and 25% grain whiskies. Soft and peaty on the nose, full and smooth on the palate with a fine sherry background and sweetish spice on the finish. Voted "World's best Irish Blended Whisky".
- Bushmills Original** R 15.00  
 The original Bushmills blend - a blend of single malt and single grain whiskies - matured in a bourbon cask. Nose: Fragrant maltiness with a gentle toasted wood background, and a delicate fruitiness. Malty with sweet, spicy, vanilla and oaky notes.
- Bushmills 10 Year Old Single Malt**  R 32.00  
 One of the Irish favourites, launched in 1608. Very lightly scented with r... ice cream and sherry. Palate: Rich dried fruit and chewy toffee, with a fudgy finish. Voted "World's best Irish Single Malt Whisky".
- Bushmills 16 Year Old Single Malt** R 45.00  
 Nose: Distinctly nutty, but also with those linseedy Irish flavours. some soft, perfumy, spiciness. Palate: Toasted almonds, raisin, slightly burnt toffee. Delicate, elusive, flavours in the finish. Long, soft, soothing. All the woods are influential, especially the port in the finish. A dextrous balancing act.
- Clontarf Irish Whiskey**  R 15.00  
 A charcoal mellowed Irish blend from a mystery Irish distillery. Smooth, light & mellow.
- Connemara Irish Whiskey** R 30.00  
 Triple distilled and peated, a superb Irish Whiskey. Nose: Pronounced smoke and peat. Palate: Syrupy, sweet grass, smokey, extracts of sherry. A smokey and emphatically grassy finish, spicy.
- Connemara Cask Strength Irish Whiskey** R 30.00  
 A superb single malt. Liniment and farmyard on the nose. Palate: Honey on hot porridge, before a mushroom cloud of peat blows your head off. Pepper, huge amounts of billowing smoke, then vanilla, mint and choc fudge finish.
- Connemara 12 Year Old Irish Whiskey** R 48.00  
 Roses, heavy musk, damp conifers on the nose. Very soft, round and complex. Warm honey, buttered crumpet and a hint of sweet pipe smoke. Long and chewy finish. Particularly rare and therefore collectible. When it's gone, it's gone.
- Erin's Isle** R 14.00
- Greenore Single Grain Irish Whisky**  R 35.00  
 A unique and exceptional single grain Irish whiskey, matured in first-fill b... on casks. Nose – Soft, sweet corn, delicious hints of bourbon. Palate: Rich, soft oils, melt-in-the-mouth grain and just a hint of barley for good measure. Finish – Crisps up as the oak returns.
- Jameson's**  R 18.00  
 One of the world's top-selling whiskey brands. Very aromatic, waxy orange skins, linseed oil, leather. A big oily, creamy, sociable palate, with a delicate, peppery finish.
- Jameson's 12 Year Old** R 28.00  
 Nose: sherry, fine pot still, lighter grains, a dash of oak. Firm, oily and spicy at first, then wonderful interlocked spice and sherry.
- Jameson's 18 Year Old** R 70.00  
 A blend of two potstill whiskies and a single grain, matured in Oloroso sherry casks and finished in bourbon wood for 6 months. Nose: Soft, rich, juicy: apricot, dried fruits, orange, butterscotch, hazelnut butter. Water brings out sherry, becoming chocolate and bourbon biscuit. Palate: A luscious, oily sweetness with a crisp solidity on the palate, then a burst of dried fruits, spices and citrus fruits. Rich, soft honeyed finish.

**Jameson's Gold**

R 55.00

Nose: Layered elements of soft honey and subtle oak criss-crossing the crisp pot-still. Truly magnificent honey-barley notes in the mouth. Silky and subtle finish, an essay in bittersweet balance with the final, drier bitter notes reminding you of some decent age. Astonishingly high quality every time. The most complex Irish of them all; a blenders triumph.

**Jameson's Signature Reserve**

R 45.00

Comprised of a high proportion of pure potstill whisky, much of which has been matured in Oloroso sherry casks. Heather honey sweetness initially, closely followed by smooth spicy oils. Complexity added by the contribution from the special casks used for ageing – cedar wood and vanilla from the American Oak compliments the sweet fruity flavours of green apple, a touch of citrus and rich dried fruits from the Oloroso casks.

**Jameson's Rarest Vintage Reserve**

R 425.00

A new release from Jameson, this reportedly 'contains some of the oldest and rarest whiskeys available for individual selection in the Jameson Distillery', one of which was a pot-still whiskey matured in a port pipe, which adds an extra fruitiness to the final assemblage. Rich aromas of buttery caramelized nuts, dried pineapple and orange, cocoa, star anise, and sandalwood. A supple, satiny entry leads to a rich, fruity full body of multilayered dried tropical fruit and apricots, lavish brown spice, buttery praline, tobacco, and cigar box flavors with evolve and delight throughout the long, sumptuous finish. A massive, decadent, and hedonistic Irish whiskey.

**Knappogue Castle**

R 30.00

An Irish single malt whiskey from an independent bottler, triple distilled, lightly chill-filtered and with no colouring added. Light and sweet, vanilla and honey on the nose, yields to wood & spicy notes.

**Kilbeggan**

R 14.00

Fabulously lush, honeyed and delicately malted blend from the Cooley stable.

**Locke's 8 Year Old Irish Whiskey**

R 18.00

Fragrant, with just the tiniest hint of peat, grassy. Honeydew melons on the tongue, full, firm, juicy finish. Peachy maltiness.

**Millar's Special Reserve**

R 12.00

A flowery, herbal nose makes way for a very light, fresh taste. A hint of licorice-like sherry on the finish.

**Power's**

R 14.00

**Redbreast**

R 60.00

Beautifully balanced pure potstill whiskey, according to many connoisseurs the finest Irish whiskey available.

**The Irishman**

Single Malt

R 28.00

A single malt from the Midleton Distillery. Buttery dark caramel, spice cake, roasted nut, and toasty oak aromas. A silky entry leads to a dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body of honeyed toast, chocolate covered fig, and brown spice flavors with a long, warming finish. An excellent after dinner sipper.

**Tullamore Dew**

R 14.00

Irish blended whiskey. Perfumy nose, grassy, sesame seeds, sweetness. Light elegant, palate, sweet, raisins with some sherry. Light, spicy, gingery finish.

**Tullamore Dew 12 Year Old**

R 18.00

"This is a super little whiskey; a premium Jameson clone"

**Tyrconnell Irish Whiskey**

R 30.00

Irish single malt. Very scented, apple-skin dryness. Oily, cereal-grain. Palate: Light, oily, grassy. Lightly malty and cookie-like. Some vanilla sweetness. Crisp, clean finish, with a hint of charcoal.

## WELSH WHISKEY

### Penderyn R 35.00

The Penderyn Distillery is found in the picturesque village of Penderyn in the southern reaches of the scenic splendour of the Brecon Beacons. The nose has sweet, herbal and vegetal notes, but also meaty yeastiness. The palate has rye-like mintiness with hints of ginger and sweet vegetal touches again. The finish is long, warming and soothing.

## JAPANESE WHISKEY

### Nikka R 38.00

From the Barrel

Nikka was set up by Masataka Taketsuru, who built Yoichi distillery in 1934, having previously developed Yamazaki distillery for Suntory. Nikka malt whiskies tend to be quite peaty and traditionally Scottish in style. The grain and malt whiskies that comprise this blend are sourced from the Miyagikyo and Yoichi distilleries, both of which are owned by Nikka. The whisky is supple and elegant, with up-front caramelised fruit, a touch of orange zest and hints of cocoa/dark chocolate (a common and very attractive feature of whiskies in the Nikka portfolio). Drink on its own, with water or over ice.

### Nikka R 30.00

Kingsland

Grassy, hints of banana skin, mild peat. Spicy yet sweet on the palate, with hints of ginger. Medium-long finish.

### Nikka Pure Malt R 42.00

"Black"

Nutty and malty on the nose, with developing peat and a hint of ginger. In the mouth this is initially fresh and fruity – Spangles sweets, followed by subtle peat, toffee and spicy oak. Lingering finish of peat, with pleasing fragrant notes.

### Nikka Pure Malt R 42.00

"Red"

A vatting of whisky from Sendai distillery and Lowland Scotch. Nikka are said to produce a more Scotch-style whisky than their larger rivals Suntory, and Sendai produces a light, Lowland spirit. Bright and fruity, butterscotch. Sugary black tea. Fresh and lively. Fills out with some earth and peat, but remains confection-ary. Slightly smoky in the toastiness at the end. Water really exaggerates the earthiness and it becomes a surprisingly chewy whisky.

### Nikka Pure Malt R 42.00

"White"

This unique blended malt is a vatting of Yoichi and Islay whisky. Yoichi is Nikka's original distillery, founded by Taketsuru-san, and producing a rich, oily and Scotch-style whisky. Peaty, Islay nose with a palate of violets & roses. An awesome whisky.

### Nikka R 28.00

Super Rare

Founded in 1934 by Masataka Taketsuru, the father of Japanese whisky, this is the Yoichi Distillery's superb blended malt. Excellent firm nose, grassy malt base. A hint of peat. Palate: A starburst of rich, mouth watering malt. Soft, fabulously intrinsic peaty notes from the Yoichi school give brilliant length and depth. A very, very fine blend that which makes no apology for the peaty complexity of Yoichi malt. Classy stuff.

### Nikka R 80.00

Taketsuru 21 Year Old

A very tasty Yamazaki bottled at 48% after extensive maturation in sherry casks. A big hit at the World Whisky Awards 2010, winning top prize in its category.

### Suntory R 55.00

Yamazaki 12 Year Old

Suntory Yamazaki 12yo is aged in casks of three different kinds of oaks: American, Spanish and Japanese. This gives Suntory malt whisky its unique quality. Medium-bodied whisky with aromas of dried fruits and honey. It has a delicate, mellow taste with a lingering, woody and dry finish.

**Suntory Yamazaki 1990 R 80.00**

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**Suntory Hibiki 17 Year Old R 68.00**

A fantastic Japanese blend, made with aged malt and grain whiskies from Suntory's three distilleries. Spicy and sophisticated. Awarded a Gold 'Editor's Choice' award from Whisky Magazine. Nose: Ripe soft and pillow like with hints of smoke and toasty wood. Citrus leaf, cocoa, cooked apricot, ripe banana, hazelnut giving a crunch. Palate: Toffee sweetness stretches along the palate. Very clean and clear. Sweet with sultana and cherry. Long and silky finish. Relaxed and laid back. This is excellent blending.

**Karuizawa 1986 R 125.00**

Karuizawa is an ultra-traditional boutique distillery, located on the outskirts of Miyota-cho and has been mothballed for a number of years. Thanks to importers Number One Drinks Company, however, we are able to sample some of its treasures. Sweet Sherry and orange creams on the nose, with a pleasing whiff of furniture polish. Water releases a touch of zesty smoke. Powerful and surprisingly dry in the mouth, with some Sherry and sherbet spices. Sweeter with water. The finish is long, firm and spicy, with sweet oranges and no intrusively oaky notes.

**Australian Whisky**

**Hellyer's Road R 55.00**

Hellyer's Road is the biggest single malt distillery in Australia, located in Tasmania. Distilled from Tasmanian grown malted barley, roaring 40s rainwater and yeast, and matured in American white oak barrels, Hellyer's Road Original is un-chillfiltered and contains no colouring. Citrus and floral aromas are a direct relation to the American white oak. A hint of toastiness is evident in the back of the palate and this is from the barrels being char-fired.

**Indian Whisky**

**Amrut R 45.00**

Amrut Single Malt Whisky is made from select Indian malted barley grown in Punjab and Rajasthan, the north-west frontier states of India. This could easily be mistaken for a 10-year-old Speyside, which just goes to show how rapidly whiskies mature in the Indian climate. Powerful oak on the nose, along with milk chocolate, almonds, peaches and some spice. Light and fruity on the palate, with coconut and malt notes. The finish is medium in length, with pepper and lingering oakiness.

## BLENDING WHISKIES

### Blended Malts

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- Bell's Special Reserve** R 16.00  
A rich blend of pure malts from Highland & Speyside regions with a hint of Islay.
- Big Smoke** 60% R 45.00  
Nose: Creamy and fruity with obvious smokey notes. Flavour: Wow, huge. Spicy, fresh fruits and lots of smoke. Finish: Smokey and coastal. Aye - it's Big.
- Compass Box Flaming Heart** R 48.00  
A superb vatted malt, made of Highland malts all aged over 10 years, then married and vatted in American/French oak. A light-to-medium, well structured balance of cereal, honey and spice with a little background fruitiness.
- Compass Box Oak Cross** R 30.00  
A superb vatted malt, made of Highland malts all aged over 10 years, then married and vatted in American/French oak. A light-to-medium, well structured balance of cereal, honey and spice with a little background fruitiness.
- Compass Box The Peat Monster** R 33.00  
A vatted malt whisky made from Caol Ila and Ardmore, all aged between 10 and 15 years old. Big, peaty, smoky nose, reminiscent of bonfires by the sea or smoked bacon sizzling in a hot pan. Balanced on the palate by rich, malty and earthy components followed by a long, smoky finish. Non chill filtered, uncoloured and bottled at 46% alcohol.
- Compass Box The Spice Tree** R 45.00  
The controversial vatted malt that the Scotch Whisky Association put a stop to. Dailuaine, Teaninich, Clynelish and Longmorn married and matured in bourbon barrels, and then a secondary maturation on virgin French Sessile Oak (heavily toasted). A natural, deep, gold-brown colour and a rich nose with spices such as clove and nutmeg, and sweet stewed fruits. Palate is soft, sweet, deep and rich with a malt whisky fruitiness embellished by rich spice. Very long finish.
- Famous Grouse Malt Whisky** R 16.00  
The Famous Grouse Malt is a blend of single malt whiskies, using The Macallan (Speyside) and Highland Park (Orkney Islands) as its core malts. An excellent blend - good balance, with heatheryness and candied lemon character.
- Famous Grouse 12 Year Old** R 20.00  
As above, aged minimum 12 years. Marvelous depth of character, and burnished gold color, with hints of citrus, vanilla, and oak on the palate and finish.
- Famous Grouse 18 Year Old** R 45.00  
The 18 Year Old blend has a bit more bite than its 12-year counterpart. Deep amber instead of bright gold, this whisky packs pleasant floral and oak aromas, with a sweet hint of jasmine. Its palate is characterized by strong spices with a long finish. A superb whisky.
- Famous Grouse 30 Year Old** R 110.00  
Deep amber color. Floral dried fruit, nut, molasses, and dark caramel aromas have a nice sherried character. A supple entry leads to a spicy off-dry medium-to full-bodied palate with singed brown spices, dates, dark caramel, and dusty minerals. Finishes with a lightly smoky and peaty fade of cigar box and peppery spice. A round, refined and deep whisky that maintains a delicate nature.
- Johnnie Walker Green Label** R 40.00  
Pure malt, aged minimum 15 years. Fragrant - mango and guava, beeswax, peppercorn. A whiff of sea-breeze. Smooth, mellow, honeyish palate. A spicy, long, warming finish, with an echo of peat smoke.
- J & B Jet** R 20.00  
Justerini & Brookes' pure malt, aged minimum 12 years. Full-bodied, smooth.


**The Six Isles** R 20.00  
A blend of single malts from six of the Scottish Isles. Clean and light nose, with precise phenolic notes, citrus. Smoky with a balanced sweetness.

**Smokehead** R 25.00  
"Attractive youth, resolutely smoky but with a class. Lauren Bacall before the wrinkles."

## **Blends (Malt & grain)**

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**Ballantines** R 12.00  
One of the world's best known whiskies. Soft and light. Silky, oily peaty. A therapeutically medicinal relaxant.

**Black Bottle** R 16.00  
A blend of grain whisky and malts from 7 Islay distilleries. The nose is fresh and , with hints of peat, while the palate is full, with a slightly honeyed sweetness, followed by a distinctive smoky flavour.

**Black Bottle 10 Year Old** R 45.00  
Very fragrant, slight sherry, lots of seaweed, hint of salt and soda-bread. Malty on the palate, soft, syrupy. Marzipan. Almonds. Grassy. Peat comes surging through on the finish. A delicious, appetising expression of Black Bottle. As a blend, it is a star.

**Black Grouse** R 14.00  
A superb blend of Famous Grouse and Islay peaty malts.

**Bell's** R 14.00  
South Africa's favourite! Malt and peat nose; palate is sweet, nutty and spicy with hints of ginger, courtesy of 35 malt and grain whiskies.

**Chivas Regal 12 Year Old** R 20.00  
This whisky contains many of the finest malt and grain whiskies available, at the heart being Strathisla. One bottle of Chivas is sold on average every second worldwide.

**Clan Campbell** R 14.00  
Smooth and creamy taste, slightly spicy-sweet. Fresh and fruity. A long, soft warming finish

**Compass Box Hedonism Vatted grain** R 40.00  
Nose: Soft and creamy but with good intensity. Ripe, elegant and lush with wild strawberry, White chocolate and Butterkist popcorn. Palate: Soft, silky and chewy, with a spicy lift and touch of ripe cherry. Finish: Fragrant. The chocolate comes back with some mint and cream. THIS is innovation at work in whisky.

**Dewar's White Label** R 14.00  
Nose: New leather upholstery. Polished oak. Beeswax. Hint of pine. Palate: Firm body. Fresh, crisp, toast. Very spicy. Ginger-dusted melon. Finish: Vanilla. Oak. Slightly piney again. Resiny.

**Dewar's 12 Year Old** R 28.00  
More profoundly malty and less light grain than in the 'standard' White Label blend. Medium sweet and floral. Full and rich in the mouth, with elegant honey and caramel. The finish is medium to long, with liquorice notes emerging, plus a hint of smoke and oak. A lovely, sophisticated dram.

**Dimple 15 Year Old** R 18.00  
Based on Glenkinchie with traces of other more northerly distilleries, Dimple benefits from an extended marrying period. Rich, smooth and complex.

**Famous Grouse** R 14.00  
One of the world's top-selling blends.

**Grant's** R 14.00  
Glenfiddich's house blend. Medium-bodied, slightly sweet & fruity, with a short, dry finish.

- Isle of Skye** R 18.00  
Blend of island and Speyside malts, married for 6 months.
- Johnnie Walker Red Label** R 14.00  
Smooth and sweet with lots of smoky malt (courtesy of Cardhu and Tallisker), lightened by the finesse of the grain whiskies.
- Johnnie Walker Black Label** R 26.00  
World's top seller blended from 40 different whiskies. Cardhu adds malt, smoothness and slight fruit; Coal Ila gives rich, smoky peat flavours; deep, complex and rich with hints of seaweed and brine; signs of sweet Sherry oak.
- Johnnie Walker Gold Label** R 55.00  
Johnnie Walker's 18 Year old blend. Nose: Fruity, fragrant. Hint of creamy peppermint. Silky, delicate palate. Scottish tablet. Kendal mint cake. Very subtle fruitness. Stylish and cool.
- Johnnie Walker Blue Label** R 125.00  
One of the highest regarded blended whiskies around. Although it has no age statement the blue label contains old and rare whiskies. Blue Label was a high scorer at Best of the Best 2003
- Johnnie Walker Swing** R 45.00  
Up to 35 whiskies are used in this blend, the majority from Speyside. Sweet on the nose, slightly fruity, with hints of peatiness. Starts off sweet on the tongue, then spicy, with a long, smoky, smooth finish.
- Johnnie Walker Premier** R 110.00  
Aimed specifically at the Japanese market, JW Premier is a rare and exclusive blend constructed from the most precious of Johnnie Walker's vast stocks of long-aged malts, some of which are from now-silent distilleries and can never be replaced. Dark, rich and very smooth, this has to be tried.
- Johnnie Walker Blue Label King George V** R 380.00  
Very rare and limited, carefully handcrafted blend to recreate Johnnie Walker blending style from the King George V era. Oak casks from last century have been used to age these precious whiskies, sourced from distilleries operating during the reign of King George V. Aroma: Rich, profound smoky signature - astringent and deep. Followed by sweet, fresh fruit (apples, pears, bananas): the Speyside whisky characterised by the Cardhu single malt whisky style. Malt characteristics; overlaid by rich dried fruit/ spicy complexity (raisins, figs, cinnamon); revealing gentle earthy, floral and beeswax aromas. These are the flavours from using European oak in the blend. Royal Lochnagar has a dramatic role in building these taste profiles. Powerful, complex, rich and smooth taste, mouthwarming, peaty finish. Unique and rare Islay whisky, Port Ellen, of finite stock and infinite value provides the key point of distinction in the blend, transforming the brand into a genuine re-creation of a blended whisky from another time when this smokiness would have been one of the critical components of a great blend.
- J & B Rare** R 14.00  
Blended from 42 whiskies with Speyside's Knockando single malt at its heart. Soft tasting with layers of fruit and vanilla; notably fragrant with a slightly sweet palate and long finish.
- Royal Salute 21 Year Old** R 90.00  
A classic example of the understated, elegant approach of the old Chivas blends. Nose: Understated and takes time to open. Almond skin, dried peels, honeycomb, light smoke, bruised apple, nut bowl, wax. Mature. Palate: Lemon, lime, then marzipan, coconut, hay, nutmeg deepening into honey, cooked raspberry. Finish: Anise/basil. Expansive and complex.
- Three Ships 5 Year Old** R 14.00  
The only South African whisky, this expression being a blend of 5 year olds. An award-winner, much more interesting for its age.
- Three Ships Bourbon Cask** R 14.00  
This expression being finished in bourbon casks. Cereal on the nose, grassy, giving way to a light, sweet, spirity palate.
- White Horse** R 14.00  
Smoky smooth Highland malts combine with pungent, peaty malts from Islay and distinctive Lagavulin at the core.

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Woodford Reserve	USA	Bourbon	23

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